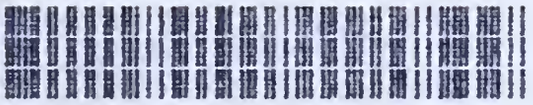
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OF THE

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R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

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CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16, 1878.

MONDAY, September 16, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from thirty-three Grand Lodges and twenty-two Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

JOHN R. TOMPKINS, P. G. M.....Alabama.
ALBERT COHEN, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
COLIN M. BOYD, P. G. Rep.....California.
S. H. BRADLEY, P. G. M.....Colorado.
THEODORE I. DRIGGS, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
DANIEL W. BRERETON, P. G.....Delaware.
WILLIAM R. MCLEAN, P. G. M.....District of Columbia.
JOHN H. OBERLY, P. G. M.....Illinois.
J. B. KIMBALL, P. G. M.....Indiana.
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M.....Iowa.
JOHN M. PRICE, P. G. M .....Kansas.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
STEPHEN K. DYER, P. G. M.....Maine.
CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
HORACE W. STICKNEY, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
W. C. WILLISTON, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
D. N. BARROWS, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
ANTON ZIMMERER, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
WILLIAM A. NEWELL, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
WILLIAM H. BAGLEY, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
JOHN E. BELL, P. G. M.....Ohio.
WILLIAM N. FORD, P. G. M.....Ontario.
J. F. BACKENSTO, P. G. P.....Oregon.
ISAAC A SHEPPARD, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
GILBERT F. ROBBINS, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
SILAS JOHNSTONE, P. G. P.....South Carolina.
GEORGE B. BOYLES, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
M. D. HERRING, P. G. M.....Texas.
GEORGE H. BIGELOW, P. G.....Vermont.
JAMES B. BLANKS, P. G. M.....Virginia.
E. A. PECK, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
JAMES V. JONES, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

F. P. DANN, P. G. M.....California.
L. I. MUNSON, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P.....District of Columbia
C. A. ROBBE, P. G. P.....Georgia.
JAMES S. TICKNOR, P. G. P.....Illinois.
LUKE M. HAVENS, P. G. P.....Kansas.
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
JOSHUA DAVIS, P. G. P.....Maine.
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M.....Maryland.
NATHAN TAYLOR, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
O. W. OVIATT, P. G. P.....Michigan.
MONROE SHEIRE, P. G. P.....Minnesota.
J. C. FORD, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
CHARLES F. HILDRETH, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
WILLIAM N. NUTT, P. G H. P.....New Jersey.
GEORGE HASKINS, P. G. P.....New York.
WILLIAM B. KENNEDY, P. G. P.....Ohio.
JOHN GIBSON, P. G. P.....Ontario.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM J. MILLER, P. G. Rep.....Rhode Island.
J. A. HAYNIE, P. G. P.....Texas.
JACOB H. ROBINSON, P. G. P.....Virginia.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, now addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, we devoutly thank Thee for the privilege of meeting together as members of a great family, whose branches extend throughout our own and other lands. We desire to acknowledge our unchanging faith in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. While grateful for the advancement of our benevolent Order, we humbly confess that without Thy divine help no human institution can permanently prosper. We would earnestly invoke Thy blessing on all our efforts to benefit our fellow-men. Regard with favor this assembly of brethren, and enable us to realize how blessed a thing it is to dwell together in unity. While we mourn the absence of beloved brethren, with whom for many years we took sweet counsel together, and who have been called away from earth and its associations, may we profit by the remembrance of their virtues, and be moved to emulate their zeal. O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, look with pity and compassion on that portion of our land now suffering from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Stretch forth Thy hand, and stay the deadly plague. In the midst of Thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Comfort the widows and orphans, and all who are afflicted or distressed, and relieve them according to their several necessities. Bless the officers and members of this body. Direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended, we may glorify Thy name. And not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thee, be the glory and praise forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by further order, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the same were approved as printed.

The Chair announced the following committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. MUNSON, of Connecticut, HAYNIE, of Texas; NUTT, of New Jersey; DYER, of Maine; OVIATT, of Michigan.

Committee on Allotment of Seats.—Reps. STICKNEY, of Massachusetts; KIMBALL, of Indiana; CUMMINGS, of New Hampshire; ZIMMERER, of Nebraska; BACKENSTO, of Oregon; JOHNSTONE, of South Carolina; PECK, of West Virginia.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials received

from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the Allotment of Seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama.....113, 114, 115	Mississippi.....129, 130, 131
Arkansas.....53, 54, 55	Missouri.....71, 72, 73, 74
British Columbia.....106	Montana.....56
California.....143, 144, 145, 146	Nebraska.....68, 69, 70
Chile.....29	Nevada.....9, 10, 11
Colorado.....103, 104, 105	New Hampshire.....14, 15, 16, 17
Connecticut.....132, 133, 134, 135	New Jersey.....117, 118, 119, 120
Dakota.....116	New York.....5, 6, 7, 8
Delaware.....42, 43, 44	North Carolina.....61, 62, 63
District of Columbia....110, 111, 112	Ohio.....49, 50, 51, 52
Florida..... 4	Ontario.....64, 65, 66, 67
Georgia.....94, 95, 96	Oregon.....1, 2, 3
Illinois.....22, 23, 24, 25	Pennsylvania.....35, 36, 37, 38
Indiana.....122, 123, 124, 125	Rhode Island.....57, 58, 59, 60
Iowa.....88, 89, 90, 91	South Carolina.....92, 93
Kansas.....26, 27, 28	Switzerland.....87
Kentucky.....79, 80, 81, 82	Tennessee.....136, 137, 138
Louisiana.....97, 98, 99	Texas.....45, 46, 47, 48
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....12, 13	Utah.....121
Maine.....139, 140, 141, 142	Vermont.....100, 101, 102
Maryland.....30, 31, 32, 33	Virginia.....107, 108, 109
Massachusetts.....18, 19, 20, 21	West Virginia.....126, 127, 128
Michigan.....83, 84, 85, 86	Wisconsin.....75, 76, 77, 78
Minnesota.....39, 40, 41	Wyoming.....34

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KIMBALL, E. A. PECK, G. A. CUMMINGS,
J. F. BACKENSTO, H. W. STICKNEY, ANTON ZIMMERER.

Rep. MUNSON, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives as duly accredited and entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as shown by certificates on file:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

W. C. HEARN, P. G. Chaplain.....Alabama.
THOMAS R. WELCH, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
FRANK G. BEATTY, P. G. Rep.....California.
R. G. BUCKINGHAM, P. G. M.....Colorado.
WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
EZRA W. MILLER, P. G. M.....Dakota.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

EDWARD H. SPENCER, P. C. P.....Delaware.
JOHN F. HAVENNER, P. G. Rep.....District of Columbia.
CHARLES C. PEARCE, P. G. Rep.....Florida.
D. B. WOODRUFF, P. G.....Georgia.
AMOS HENDERSON, P. G. M.....Illinois.
JOB B. ELDRIDGE, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* LEONIDAS SEXTON, resigned).....Indiana.
BEN. NEWMAN, P. G. M.....Iowa.
JOHN CHARLTON, P. G. M.....Kansas.
WILLIAM W. MORRIS, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
SILAS T. GRISAMORE, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
ROBERT HOCKIN, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* W. W. STUMBLES, Jr., resigned).....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
FRANK GRAHAM, P. G.....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
WILLIAM E. HOGAN, P. G. M.....Maine.
JOHN M. JONES, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
JOHN U. PERKINS, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
D. BURNHAM TRACY, P. G. M.....Michigan.
WALTER G. DYE, P. G. Rep.....Minnesota.
A. B. WAGNER, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
J. W. BARRETT, P. G. R. (for one year, *vice* E. R. THULKELD, resigned).....Missouri.
E. R. SHIPLEY, P. G. M.....Missouri.
C. C. HOUSEL, P. G.....Nebraska.
P. H. MULCAHY, P. G. (for one year, *vice* C. W. JONES, resigned).....Nevada.
WILLIAM LUCAS, P. G.....Nevada.
ALONZO F. CRAIG, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
CHRISTIAN MILLER, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
JOHN F. VAN NORT, P. G. M.....New York.
RICHARD J. JONES, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
NATHAN JONES, P. G. M.....Ohio.
JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M.....Ontario.
JOSHUA J. WALTON, P. G.....Oregon.
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
LINDSAY ANDERSON, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
JOSEPH L. WEAKLEY, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
I. C. STAFFORD, P. G. M.....Texas.
E. M. WILSON, P. G. M.....Utah.
JOHN N. GALE, P. G. M.....Vermont.
ALFRED R. COURTNEY, P. G. M.....Virginia.
J. A. MILLER, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
MYRON P. LINDSLEY, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.
PETER HAMMA, P. G. M.....Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

WILLIAM S. DAVIS, P. G. P.....Arkansas.
CHARLES N. FOX, P. G. M.....California.
WILLIAM N. ANDREW, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
JOHN L. PIERSON, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* WILLIAM H. CLOWARD, resigned).....Delaware.
W. L. SWEENEY, P. G. P.....Illinois.
PETER S. HOFFMAN, P. C. P. (for one year, *vice* J. W. SMITH, resigned).....Indiana.
JOHN MORGAN, P. G. P.....Indiana.
JOHN GUNDAKER, P. G. M. (for one year, *vice* HERMAN BLOCK, resigned).....Iowa.
H. D. WALKER, P. G. M.....Iowa.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

GEORGE S. MOORE, P. G. P. ..... Kentucky.
O. G. DOUGLASS, P. G. P. ..... Maine.
JOHN E. MCCAHAN, P. G. M. ..... Maryland.
LAFAYETTE MARSHALL, P. G. P. ..... Massachusetts.
GEORGE H. SHEARER, P. G. P. ..... Michigan.
W. H. THOMPSON, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* EDWIN S. PIKE, resigned) ..... Missouri.
L. T. MINTURN, P. G. P. ..... Missouri.
A. D. MEACHAM, P. G. Rep. (for one year, *vice* J. C. SMITH, resigned) ..... Nevada.
JOHN R. MILLER, P. G. P. ..... New Hampshire.
AARON B. CRANE, P. G. Rep. ..... New Jersey.
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M. ..... New York.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. P. ..... North Carolina.
WILLIAM R. HAZLETT, P. G. P. ..... Ohio.
JOHN HAM PERRY, P. G. P. ..... Ontario.
W. J. BEATTY, P. G. P. (for one year, *vice* EZRA ST. JOHN, resigned) ..... Oregon.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, P. G. Rep. ..... Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, P. G. P. ..... Rhode Island.
J. R. HARWELL, P. G. (for one year, *vice* W. A. BARRY, resigned) ..... Tennessee.
A. T. MCKINNEY, P. G. P. ..... Texas.
TIMOTHY VINTON, P. G. Rep. (for one year, *vice* NELSON C. HYDE, resigned) ..... Vermont.
THOMAS S. SPATES, P. G. P. ..... West Virginia.
THEODORE B. ELLIOTT, P. G. P. ..... Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

L. I. MUNSON, J. A. HAYNIE, WM. N. NUTT.
STEPHEN K. DYER, O. W. OVIATT,

The M. W. Grand Sire presented his special report on changing the place of meeting from Austin, State of Texas, to Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, as follows:

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES,—Having exercised extraordinary powers in convening you at a place different from the one designated at the last session, I feel it to be my first duty to submit for your consideration and judgment the reasons that impelled me to issue my proclamation changing the place of meeting from Austin, in the State of Texas, to Baltimore, Maryland.

You are doubtless aware the people in some of the Southern States were visited unusually early in the season with the yellow fever, a disease more than usually fatal in its effects upon the native inhabitants, and exceedingly so with strangers and unacclimated persons, being malignant in form, and at present decidedly epidemic in its character, causing considerable alarm amongst the people of the country, prompting the earliest precaution on the part of neighboring municipalities and States to guard against its spread by the adoption of the most rigid quarantine regulations against all intercourse with the people of the infected districts, which also might operate in serious and vexatious delays to Representatives in both going to and returning from Austin; and probably cause a failure of the session for the want of a quorum.

As the inhabitants were fleeing from their plague-stricken homes, through or

near to which many of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge would generally have to pass to attend the session if held in Austin, many of them early in August addressed letters of inquiry to the R. W. Grand Secretary and myself in reference to the personal safety of traveling through or near the infected districts, and wanting to know if a change of place or time of meeting could not be made.

Austin being located inland over two hundred miles from the coast, and always considered to be a healthy location (and I am happy to say has, as usual, escaped the prevailing epidemic and maintained its character for healthfulness), no precautionary measures were adopted giving special powers to the Grand Sire to change the time or place of meeting in the event of any unforeseen contingency arising during the interval of the sessions, such as I respectfully submit has created the necessity for the present action. I hesitated before making replies to these inquiries, until I could be satisfied of the impending necessity for such a course, and as there was no express authority given in the Constitution for the exercise of such a power, I decided to consult as far as it was practicable with my brother officers and members as to the propriety of such a step, and if in their judgment a state of affairs existed in which the exercise of the inherent power of self-preservation became necessary, I would assume the responsibility, and rely upon the sincerity of my motives to be sustained.

The responses to the inquiries were very promptly and frankly given, for which I desire to return my sincere thanks, and, with but few exceptions, concurring in the opinion that a necessity existed for either a change in the time or place of meeting, the lapse of time also affording an opportunity to learn whether the sickness would abate or spread, and I am exceedingly sorry to say that it has continued to increase with exceedingly fatal effects until the present time.

The M. W. Grand Master of Texas, J. T. HARCOURT, apprehending, soon after the breaking out of the fever, that a state of things might occur making a change in the place of meeting necessary, addressed me a letter of inquiry on the subject, and I subsequently sought his opinion as to the safety under the circumstances of unacclimated persons and strangers passing through or sojourning in or near the infected districts in going to and returning from the designated place of meeting, to which the following prompt and frank reply was received:

SHELBYVILLE, KY.,
12th August, 1878.

Yours received. My best judgment is, that the interest of the Order will be promoted by meeting in Baltimore. The great *scare* will prevent a successful meeting in Austin.

JOHN T. HARCOURT.

These various responses, coinciding with my best judgment, were submitted to my brother officers, and resulted in the conclusion that a state of affairs actually existed which called for the intervention of the Chief Executive of the Order to avert, if possible, the danger which seemed to threaten the lives and healths of the members. That being settled, the question of time and place was to be determined, in which the disappointment of the Order in Texas was fully considered, and, I need hardly say, was greatly regretted, when upon an examination it was discovered that a change of time would interfere with the status of a large number of the present Representatives, as over thirty Grand Bodies would hold their sessions in the months of October and November, December being the earliest time it was deemed prudent to fix for the meeting in that section after passing over a sickly season, and a change of place became inevitable, which, under the law fixing Baltimore as the place of meeting when no other practicable place was designated, it was conceded to be the proper place, and accordingly on the 17th day of August I issued a proclamation, changing the place of meeting and convening the Officers and Representatives at this place, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

It is due to the Representatives from Texas and the chairmen of the various committees of the Grand Bodies of Texas, charged with making preparation for the reception and entertainment of the G. L. of U. S., to say that I was kept constantly advised of the non-existence of the epidemic in Texas, with the further assurance of the earliest information upon its appearance amongst them. Yet, with the preparation that Galveston, Austin, and other cities and towns in the State were wisely and prudently making to prevent its spread to their localities, certainly no one, with the daily accounts of the appalling increase of the pestilence coming up from these infected and sorrowfully afflicted districts through which we would have to pass if we persisted in meeting at Austin, could foresee where it might not be at the time appointed for the session, then close at hand, and long before the approach of cool weather, which appears to be regarded as the only reliable obstacle to the spread of the disease.

Representatives, I have briefly stated some of the reasons which influenced my judgment in doing what I felt well assured you would, under the circumstances, have directed to be done, if it had been practicable to have convened you in special session; and whilst I hope my action will meet with your approbation, I would much sooner incur your displeasure, as much as I should ever lament it, than that a single life should be sacrificed through a want of determination to assume the responsibility to do what my best judgment and conscience approve under such extraordinary circumstances should be done to avert it.

JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

PROCLAMATION IN RELATION TO THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. OF U. S.

To all whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, did at its last meeting resolve to hold its next Annual Session in the City of Austin, State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Great apprehension has been expressed as to the safety of traveling by the usual routes to Texas during the prevalence of the yellow fever, which has appeared as an epidemic in many sections of the Southern States, and which is threatening to ascend to the cities of the great West; the Grand Sire, in consideration of such facts, and in obedience to the request of a large number of Grand Representatives, and especially by an earnest desire to avoid the danger incident to unacclimated persons passing through or sojourning in or near infected districts, has been moved to change the said place of meeting.

Now, therefore, I, JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, in the exercise of extraordinary powers, manifestly necessary for the safety and preservation of the health and lives of the officers and members of the said Grand Lodge, as the chief executive officer in the United States and the jurisdictions thereunto belonging, *do hereby order and direct* that the *next Annual Session* of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States *shall be held in the City of Baltimore*, State of Maryland, instead of Austin, Texas; and that the officers and members shall, in conformity to this Proclamation, convene in Annual Session *on the third Monday of September next*, as fixed by the Constitution, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this the Seventeenth day of August, 1878, and of our Order in the United States, the Sixtieth.

JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Sec'y.*

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the following:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, J. W. STOKES, in issuing his proclamation, bearing date the 17th day of August, 1878, ordering and directing the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to be held in the city of Baltimore, be and the same is in all things approved, ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, moved that the resolution, together with the special report of the Grand Sire, be referred to a special committee of five, which was agreed to.

The Chair announced the committee as follows (Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, having been by his request excused from serving on the committee):

Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; WHITE, of New York; DRIGGS, of Connecticut; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; THOMPSON, of Missouri.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration a report of my official acts for the past year, during which time we have been highly favored as a people with abundant harvests, hopeful signs of a revival in the trades and industries of the country; and as a society, with entire harmony and good order pervading all its branches. At no time probably within the history of this nation has the husbandman been so richly rewarded in his efforts as in the past year. And representing, as we do, a constituency engaged actively and largely in industrial pursuits, the happiness, welfare, and comforts of whose families engage so much of our sympathy, our interest will be greatly promoted in the abundance and cheapness of the food supplies with which we have been and are now so highly favored, that we should not fail to make with grateful hearts the proper acknowledgments to a kind Providence for these manifold blessings. Whilst the annual returns exhibit an increase in the Lodges and Encampments, and in the amount paid for relief over last year, they indicate, for the first time since 1863, a falling off in the membership and revenue.

The annual loss to the Order in prosperous as well as in adverse times of members for non-payment of dues is a subject eminently worthy the best consideration that we can give it, and whilst large accessions of new and untried material is being constantly added to our numbers, we find it occasionally counterbalanced (especially so at the present time) by the loss of members, who through neglect or inability are dropped or suspended for the above cause; and if the Lodges and Encampments will take a glance at their list of suspended members, they will doubtless find in this great, inactive, and, I might add, neglected if not forgotten constituency, a very large number of worthy men that could be restored, if proper efforts were put forth to effect it.

Some of these thoughts have been suggested in a letter before me from my distinguished brother, SCHUYLER COLFAX, to Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Secretary, in which he says that if "a concerted and systematic effort all over the country was made, with liberal inducements as to the payment of their arrearages, it would win back to active membership a large number of this class," and I most cordially indorse the suggestion and recommend it to your favorable consideration.

The general returns give the following condition of the Order at the present time:

	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Lodge Initiations.	Lodge Members.	Encampment Members.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.
Year 1876....	48	6,678	39	1,806	40,646	456,125	87.785	$1,089,485 62	$4,489,872 46
Year 1877....	48	6,878	39	1,835	36,087	448,019	84,787	1,705,266 71	4,423,051 85
Increase.....		200		29				15,781 09	
Decrease					4,559	8.106	2,998		66.820 61

A review of these official reports for the last half century discloses the sad but sure effects that periodical revulsions in trade and business have invariably had upon the growth and increase of the Order. And a revival of these industries has as unmistakably exhibited an appreciation of its reliability and usefulness during such depressions by witnessing large accessions to our ranks, thus presenting the most hopeful and encouraging outlook for the future. There has rarely, if ever, been within the experience of the oldest of us now living, a depression so general and protracted as the one from which we appear to be gradually and I trust surely emerging.

There are doubtless some that are willing, and probably with some reason, to ascribe this temporary falling off to other causes, to some of which I will for a moment briefly allude.

The unparalleled success and popularity of Odd Fellowship in America, it would seem, has given rise to a general desire to emulate its example, by creating, under various names, organizations ostensibly similar in design, until secret beneficial Orders have been multiplied in some localities far beyond the wants or ability of the people to sustain them, temporarily retarding the progress and success of Odd Fellowship, and rendering the existence of each other precarious and uncertain, thus entailing loss and disappointment upon the people that have been drawn into them by promises of large weekly and funeral benefits, endowment policies, and life insurance, upon the payment of small dues; which a moment's reflection would show could not, under the most favorable circumstances, and that whilst their members are young and healthy, be paid but for a few years at most. A glance at the tables of mortality and the laws of our being, will reveal to us the unalterable decrees of Providence, that death will sooner or later come to us all. And the money promised to be paid to the members and their families on these sad occasions cannot be realized.

The funds of all beneficial associations must be steadily contributed in properly adjusted proportion to their promises, so as to make it certain that those with the longest expectations of life can safely and surely rely upon it. Some may and do, of course, die early, and their families may get a much greater amount than they have paid in. This must be expected, it is in fact the capital upon which they expect to do business, and is used as an inducement, indeed I might add as an allurement, to obtain members; but the heirs of those that die late will not only get much less than the amount paid, but run the risk of getting nothing at all.

The abundant caution heretofore practised by the G. L. of U. S. in this particular, and the rigid enforcement of wholesome and judicious laws in our Order against vice and immorality of all kinds, is the real secret of our great success, and enables us to point with pride and satisfaction to our past record as

exhibiting to the criticism of a scrutinizing and intelligent people that our best efforts are put forth in upholding a reliable, exemplary, and useful organization. I therefore feel it to be my duty, with the experience that nearly half a century has afforded, to encourage the members of our Order to an increased interest and zeal in its maintenance, and if possible to inspire them with a higher and better appreciation of the advantages they enjoy in holding membership with such a large, reliable, and harmonious body of men banded together for mutual relief, the preservation of their manhood, and the elevation of the race; whose boasted pride is in seeing the promises of their brethren everywhere and at all times fulfilled, and their misfortunes alleviated; and to warn them to beware of all organizations and associations that make large promises upon small consideration. If but little is contributed to the funds and large sums are to be drawn out, some one in the end is sure to be disappointed; rely upon it, it cannot be done, and I beg the members of this great brotherhood will be admonished in time. Again I would call your especial attention to the great objects of our organization; bear in mind that its earnest and persistent purpose is to assist each other with stipulated and reliable weekly payments (which we have proclaimed to the world to be the peculiar characteristics of our Order), at such times as they may be unable to help themselves, blended with the further, broader, and grander purpose of *Benevolence* and *Charity*, whenever and wherever misfortune shall lay its heavy hand upon any part or portion of the brotherhood. Any attempt to divert it from the fulfilment of these sacred engagements or to embrace other features altogether foreign to the original design, must result in weakness if not in disaster and ruin. Never let it be hampered with seductive schemes of life insurance, which may have nothing but the good name and reputation of the Order they seek to use to recommend them, and that has cost us half a century in the pursuit of a single purpose to establish.

I know that we have abundance of the material in our ranks that would seem to warrant success in whatever they undertook,—indeed it is this element that has made Odd Fellowship such a prominent and assured success,—but all this will not warrant us in indulging in doubtful experiments, and above all we should not allow ourselves to neglect or forsake it for new and untried schemes, which the simple tests of reason and experience will explode at the first touch.

No one organization can expect or should undertake to provide properly for all the ills and misfortunes of life. Let us therefore keep a single eye to the purposes of the organization, and leave all outside of that to other associations, each one of which may have a special mission or service to render to their fellow-men. And in all such good work they will have our best wishes and cordial co-operation and sympathy.

We have Mutual Aid, Relief, and other similar associations, composed entirely of members of the Order, but not otherwise connected in any way with the organization, to which specific contributions are made, that have been in successful operation in many localities long enough to test their nature and to establish a reliability for their engagements, which have already received the indorsement of your R. W. Body, and I submit with these recognized and reliable adjuncts the members of the Order will find all that the ability of the ordinary business and working man is able to sustain. And never attempt, I pray you, to counteract the influence, opposition, or competition of what appears to be rival associations or orders, by promising more than you honestly intend to perform; or in attempting to graft upon our system, measures that will jeopardize the health, growth, and beauty of the parent stalk; but so adjust your dues and benefits and manage your financial affairs, as to inspire a confidence that it can be perpetuated to all time.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

Australasia.—For Grand Lodge of Australasia, issued in blank to D. G. Sire J. B. HARMON, Special Commissioner to that country, who will report in detail the result of his mission.

Denmark.—A Warrant was issued, April 30, 1878, for Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, with special commission to J. C. PRAETORIOUS, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, to institute the Lodge. Reports have been received from that distinguished brother that the Lodge was duly instituted, June 29, 1878, with very flattering assurances of its success. The correspondence relating to the introduction of the Order into this new jurisdiction is very fully presented in the G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary's report, and your special attention is called to the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire of the G. L. of G. E., to reimburse the new Lodge for some of the expenses incurred.

Netherlands.—For Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, at Amsterdam, Holland. Warrant issued October 2, 1877; instituted January 17, 1878, by F. S. OSTHEIM, Special D. Grand Sire.

Province of Quebec, Canada.—For Unity Lodge, No. 8, at Sherbrooke. Warrant issued October 11, 1877; instituted by G. VAREY, Special D. G. Sire, October 29, 1877.

Indian Territory.—For Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, at Erin Springs. Warrant issued December 31, 1877; instituted June 29, 1878, by ISRAEL W. STONE, Special D. Grand Sire.

Washington Territory.—For Ranier Lodge, No. 11, at New Tacoma. Warrant issued December 19, 1877; instituted by H. G. STRUVE, Special D. Grand Sire, February 9, 1878.

For Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, at Snohomish. Warrant issued March 6, 1878; instituted by H. G. STRUVE, Special D. Grand Sire, April 23, 1878.

For Friendship Lodge, No. 13, at Port Gamble. Warrant issued April 27, 1878; instituted by H. G. STRUVE, Special D. G. Sire, June 17, 1878.

For Colfax Lodge, No. 14, at Colfax. Warrant issued May 9, 1878; instituted June 13, 1878, by E. L. POWELL, Special D. Grand Sire.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Application was received from a portion of the Lodges located in Washington Territory for the institution of a Grand Lodge, but not being in conformity with the regulations required for the formation of Grand Bodies, it was refused, and is herewith submitted for your consideration.

QUEBEC, CANADA.

Seven of the eight Lodges in the Province of Quebec have united in an application for a Charter for a Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction, to be located in Montreal, accompanied with the usual Charter fee, and I most respectfully recommend their application to your favorable consideration.

DECISIONS.

The comparatively few questions that have been propounded during the year, give the highest assurance that the Order in the different jurisdictions is being administered by intelligent executive and ministerial officers, who seek to perform their respective duties by a proper study and understanding of the laws. Nothing will add more to the harmony and prosperity of the Order than uniform and consistent laws intelligently administered, and I take the liberty of suggesting that a thorough revision and condensation of the present Digest, as valuable as it is, is to be greatly desired at the present time.

Decision.—The signs, grips, and passwords of the Order are designed to speak one universal language to the initiated of every nationality the world over. Therefore the *Annual* and *P. P. W.* of the Degrees are not to be translated into any other language, or spoken other than as they are written, spelled, and pronounced in the English language. The different nations must learn to give them the one universal sound as nearly as possible, so that the sound of the word will be as familiar to the ear as the signs are to the eye, or the grip to the touch of the hand; to the end that an Odd Fellow of any country may be known and recognized in any part of the habitable globe as a brother. The

language used in describing and explaining the use, meaning, and manner of performing the signs, grips, &c., may be in the tongue of the peoples in which the Lodges are working.

FINANCES.

The reports of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and G. Secretary will present to you in detail the fullest information upon the subject of your financial affairs, to which I take the liberty of inviting your special attention. It will be observed that with the close of this session the balance in the treasury, which has been gradually diminishing for several years, will almost if not entirely disappear, the expenses exceeding the revenue this year several thousand dollars, and whilst it may not be of much avail to advert to the former policy of the Grand Lodge, it will be wise to profit by the experience of the past, and to settle down upon some reliable financial basis that will bring the expenditures within the revenue. A fruitful source of this depletion has resulted, I fear, from a propensity to hold the annual sessions of the body at places remote from the seat of government. I know that it has generally been a concession to pressing invitations from the jurisdictions visited, and now that the constituency in many different localities of the country have been gratified with the presence in their midst of its assembled Representatives, I would suggest that some constitutional restraint be imposed, fixing permanently the place for holding the annual, and other sessions, or certainly to limit the meeting in other localities oftener than once in five or ten years, unless by unanimous consent of the Representatives, or from circumstances which might render it impossible, of which the officers of the G. L. of U. S. might be left to judge.

The practice that has heretofore obtained of placing Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, located in districts where no Grand Bodies have been instituted, under the jurisdiction of adjoining Grand Lodges and Encampments, I submit has resulted in a loss of revenue without any corresponding benefit, as the most of them rarely see a Grand Lodge officer, and the information, which is generally if not entirely communicated through the mails, could be as well if not more conveniently done through the office of the Grand C. and R. Secretary and D. D. Grand Sire.

MISSION TO AUSTRALASIA.

I regretted very much my inability to accept the high honor you conferred upon me to undertake an official and special mission to New Zealand and Australia. Holding the subject under advisement quite as long as the importance of the mission would allow, and finding it impossible to be absent from my home and country so long, I early in February of this year notified the R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary of my declination, and requested him to advise the Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. J. B. HARMON, that under the law creating the commission the duty would devolve upon him; and I am happy in being able to state that Bro. HARMON very promptly advised me of his acceptance, and it became my pleasure to co-operate with the Grand C. and R. Secretary in facilitating his preparation for an early departure to his field of labor.

The whole subject will be so fully presented to you in the elaborate reports of the Grand C. and R. Secretary and the Special Commissioner, that I abstain from further reference to it here, beyond congratulating you upon the exhibition of good feeling and friendship evinced toward us by the brethren of that distant continent in the cordial reception extended to your Representative, and the entire success of the mission.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

The reports from the Degree of Rebekah Lodges do not present the most encouraging prospect for the future, and I most respectfully submit for your consideration whether the experiment of chartering and instituting Lodges for the express purpose of conferring this degree has not been fairly and patiently

tried. They may have been a success in a few instances in many of the jurisdictions, but assuredly not to an extent anywhere that will warrant the continuation of a system which is certainly detracting from the character and standing of the Order.

I do not wish to be understood as making an objection to the degree itself, nor to the orderly manner of these bodies when assembled, but I am abundantly satisfied that its value and usefulness would be greatly enhanced if it were left entirely under the control of the Subordinate Lodges, who would at special and convenient times take occasion to confer it upon all willing and entitled to receive it. The law of 1876 forfeiting the Charters of all neglecting to make proper returns should be rigidly enforced, and it will be well to consider whether the time has not arrived to stop the granting of other Charters for this special purpose.

REVISION OF THE SUBORDINATE DEGREES.

I have been advised by the committee authorized to be appointed at the last session to revise the subordinate degrees, that they have concluded their labors, and will be ready to submit for your consideration the result of their deliberations. Without expressing an opinion upon the merits of the work, I may be permitted to say that there is a decided sentiment pervading the Order in favor of reducing or consolidating the five degrees to three, and while such a result will doubtless meet this great want in the Subordinate branch, it would greatly promote the interest and increase the membership in the Patriarchal branch, of the Order, which needs your fostering care and protection. I therefore invite your special attention to the subject as one of great importance and interest to both branches.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER.

In issuing the usual proclamation for the due observance of the Anniversary of the Order, I took the liberty of departing from the form which had been specially prepared and was eminently proper at the time for the observance of a day of thanksgiving and praise after the close of the war, for the harmonious reunion and preservation of the Order "from the desolation that had sundered and scattered into fragments every other organization of a national character, whether moral, religious, or secular," and endeavored to make it more in keeping with the anniversary ceremonies and regulations required to be observed on such occasions, and most respectfully submit it for your approval.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. OF U. S.

To whom these presents may come greeting:

WHEREAS, The twenty-sixth day of April is the Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America, and it has been the custom and usage of the several jurisdictions under the Grand Lodge of the United States to celebrate the day in such appropriate manner as they may respectively designate;

Now, therefore, I, JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, by virtue of such usage, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to set apart that day for its due observance as the *Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America*. And to that end to dedicate the occasion to appropriate exercises, and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold blessings to our Order, individually and collectively.

Done at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this ninth day of February, A. D. 1878, and of our Order the Fifty-ninth.

J. W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

It is a source of infinite pleasure to be able to report that the distinguished brother charged with the preparation and publication of the History of the Order for the first decade, has accomplished his labors, under the terms prescribed last year, and he will be able to present it to you and the Order at the present session. It is not necessary that I should refer to the merit of the work; it will speak for itself; the high character of the author and his long familiarity with the subject committed to his charge, is a guaranty that it will be full of interest, and highly appreciated by the members of the Order.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

There has existed in Honolulu, since the institution of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, at that place, an unfortunate misunderstanding or difference in reference to the use or joint occupancy of the Odd Fellows' Hall. I interposed my good offices over one year ago to concilate the parties, and, as I understood at the time, with some degree of success; but different views still prevail. Its history is too long to give you an intelligent understanding of it here. The question at issue between them will be found fully stated in the correspondence upon the subject, which is herewith submitted. I have deemed it of sufficient importance to claim your consideration, under the belief that if not satisfactorily adjusted it will greatly interfere with the harmony of the brethren and the usefulness of the Order there, which we should all very much lament.

ENGLAND.

Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, instituted in London, England, have virtually ceased to exist. No reports have been received, and no regular meetings held, so far as I have been able to learn, for more than a year; and there does not appear now, nor has been manifested during my term of office (with one honorable exception, A. FAIRLIE), the least disposition on the part of the original Charter members to maintain the organization.

Brother FAIRLIE was not one of these, but initiated soon after the institution of the Lodge. The correspondence with this brother, submitted with my report last year, will fully exonerate him from any delinquency in the matter. The result of the effort discloses the cause of the failure; it did not fall into hands that appreciated its value and importance to themselves and their fellowmen; and the sooner it is withdrawn the better it will be for our noble cause. The lesson that this failure supplies should teach us to exercise a thoughtful care in the future; not to attempt the introduction of the Order into other countries before the people themselves shall have a proper appreciation of its value.

Bro. R. C. T. SCHROEDER, a P. G. of Missouri Lodge, No. 11, a gentleman highly recommended by his brothers in St. Louis, is now on a visit to London, and has assured me that he will cheerfully fulfil whatever commissions he may be intrusted with, and I respectfully recommend that he be authorized by the Grand Sire to collect the Charter, books, and effects of both the Lodge and Encampment, and return them to the R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. And in order that all unpleasant feelings may be avoided, I would recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized, upon the receipt of the Charter, books, and effects of the said Lodge and Encampment, to cancel all of their financial obligations to this Grand Lodge.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Our official relations and intercourse with the Order in other foreign countries continue to be entirely harmonious and friendly. Their growth appears to be steady, natural, and healthy. It is gratifying to announce that Denmark has been added to the list of foreign jurisdictions since my last report.

The prospects and conditions of the Order in foreign lands are so fully set forth in the report of the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, that I take great pleasure in referring to it as containing the fullest information upon the subject.

Regarding the complete success of the Order in foreign countries to be worthy the highest consideration of this Grand Lodge, I feel constrained to again call your attention to the recommendation in my last report, of consolidating the two branches in foreign countries, and to reiterate in substance the conclusions then formed. The Order in Switzerland is already desirous of being instructed in the higher degrees, which will afford an opportunity of conferring special powers upon the Subordinate Lodges of that country to confer the Encampment degrees upon their members, instead of instituting Subordinate Encampments, which I greatly fear would have but a feeble existence.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS FROM THE FEVER IN THE SOUTH.

I received from the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Patriarch of Mississippi a request, that I should appeal to the brotherhood at large in behalf of their suffering and afflicted brethren and people, their widows and orphans, for aid in the hour of their need, which should more properly have been sent to the Grand Masters of the different jurisdictions.

Being familiar with the liberality and promptness with which our Lodges and Encampments have responded upon all such occasions, (for they have never yet been found wanting when the cry of distress has gone forth,) and remembering the experience of Memphis and Shreveport in 1873 when their voluntary contributions amounted to nearly thirty thousand dollars more than was needed, a circumstance which called for the passage of a law by the G. L. of U. S. in 1875 upon the subjects of "Charity and Relief," to be found in vol. 8, Jour. G. L. of U. S., pp. 6577–8, and as this was the first instance since the passage of that law in which the necessity has arisen for an appeal to the Order at large, now numbering over eight thousand Lodges and Encampments, I deemed it proper to call the attention of the Grand Authorities of that jurisdiction to its provisions, and to refer to the subject here that the special attention of the Order may be called to the existence of a law that I submit was greatly needed and eminently proper if we desire to keep the hearts of our members under the influence of that "Charity which giveth liberally and upbraideth not;" for under this law they have the assurance where more than is necessary is contributed, the surplus is to be securely invested and held by the Grand Treasurer of the G. L. of U. S. in trust for such purposes of special relief in the future as may be needed to alleviate the suffering of other calamities, and thus avoid so many special appeals.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

It gives me unfeigned sorrow to announce officially that which you have already been saddened to learn, and which to our Order has been an irreparable affliction. Death has been doing his relentless work in our fraternity as elsewhere during the past year, and among the many who have fallen by his insatiate hand were two illustrious members of this Grand Lodge.

On the sixth day of January last the startling message flashed over the telegraphic wires, carrying sorrow and gloom to many, many hearts, in every portion of the jurisdiction, "NATHAN PORTER is dead." NATHAN PORTER, the man of whom it could with pre-eminent truth be written, as descriptive of his life and character, "He was pure, true, loving, strong, grand!" It is not too much to say, that in the death of Grand Representative PORTER this Grand Lodge, his own jurisdiction, and the Order at large has sustained a loss that will be rarely filled as he filled it. Strong as he seemed in his noble manhood, we did not anticipate so early a severance of the fraternal ties that bound him to the hearts of his compeers upon this floor, and his taking away seems to us untimely and inscrutable; but he has left us a heritage of precious unsullied memories, that make us even in our bereavement rich indeed.

Scarce had our first grief for Bro. PORTER time to subside into the sad calmness of a life-long regret, when we were summoned to stand by the bier of one who for many years had been intimately identified with the most vital interests of the Order and this Grand Lodge. FREDERICK D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, whom so many knew, so many loved, died on the 25th day of January last, venerable in years and covered with the honors his brethren delighted to confer upon him, and of which he was so eminently worthy. We shall miss his genial smile, his hearty greeting, his ready counsel, and his skilful, willing hand.

Representatives! Brothers! Language fails me to portray my own, your sadness, at the thought that these bright lights in our firmament have gone out; that these comrades may never more unite with us in the work of our fraternity, that "the places which knew them shall know them no more forever."

Those voices of counsel are silent in death. The feet that went so willingly on messages of mercy are powerless. The hands so skilful to teach the craft-lore of Odd Fellowship are nerveless. They sleep the sleep that on human dawn knows no waking. They are at rest, while we are in tears.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime;
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

Representatives, it is for you to take such action as may be a fitting tribute to their memories.

Turning from the members of the Grand Lodge to the Past Grand Officers and Representatives, there are other names of departed, eminent brothers who have mingled with us in years past in the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, whom I would fain mention, but I leave the announcement of their deaths to the Representatives of the jurisdictions that they formerly represented, believing that justice will be done to their worth and distinguished services in the Order.

In conclusion I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, and his efficient assistant, Bro. ROSS, for their prompt and ready assistance so cheerfully rendered at all times in the discharge of the duties of my office. And to you, Representatives and Officers, for the uniform kindness and forbearance that I have ever received at your hands, I extend the thanks of a grateful heart. With the close of this Annual Session I shall surrender the high position intrusted to me two years ago to my successor in office, and take my place by your side in the great work of human benefaction that is before us. The great good to my fellow-men that I have seen accomplished in the past, increasing from year to year for nearly half a century, from a few hundred dollars a year to millions, will be an ever-present incentive to an increased devotion and attachment to the great cause that has for its purpose the elevation and good of the race by the promulgation and practice of brotherly kindness and friendship to each other, and whilst I shall never cease to appreciate the high honors I have heretofore enjoyed, I anticipate in the years that may yet be spared to me the greatest pleasure in witnessing the future prosperity and usefulness of this great brotherhood.

J. W. STOKES,
Grand Sire.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the report was referred to a special committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Bros. NICHOLSON and VEITCH, P. G. Sires; Reps. BUSBEE, of North Carolina; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; TOMPKINS, of Alabama.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits his Annual Report. The following schedule of duties devolved upon him to be performed during the recess, it is believed, comprises the several orders of the last session:

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of ninety-five dollars to the Grand Lodge, and three hundred and eighteen dollars to the Grand Encampment, of South Carolina, be donated by this R. W. Grand Lodge respectively to said jurisdictions, and that said sums of money, as indicated, be placed to their respective credit on the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 7348, 7371, 7448, 7472.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and his assistant be especially charged with the proper preservation and protection of all the property of the Grand Lodge other than supplies, and that no additional compensation be allowed.—*Journal*, 7361, 7461.

3. The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the correspondence relating to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, of the city of London, England, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in reference to these bodies, be approved, and the further consideration of the subject, together with the report of Special Commissioner SMITH, be referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with power to act.—*Journal*, 7367, 7567.

4. The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the proposition of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows of England, for a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders, believing that the best conclusion in the premises can be more safely and intelligently arrived at by intrusting the investigation thereof to the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposition of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows of England, mentioned in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, be referred to those officers to investigate and report thereon at the next Annual Session.—*Journal*, 7367, 7368.

5. The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of five members of Amity Lodge, No. 6113, of the I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, located at Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, asking to be constituted a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of U. S., having had the same under consideration in connection with the correspondence between the petitioners and the Grand Secretary (page 6867, Journal of '76), respectfully report, that, not having sufficient information before them to warrant a recommendation for the granting of a Charter to these brothers at this time, but recognizing the advantage and importance of the matter, recommend that the proper Grand Officers continue the correspondence with a view of establishing a Lodge so soon as the laws of the Order can be fully complied with.—*Journal*, 7374, 7472.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish (under the supervision

of the Committee on Printing Supplies) in one volume, 18mo, with proper title, the amended Forms for Public and Funeral Processions, Dedicating Halls, and Laying Corner-Stones, and the Funeral Service, as hereby approved and adopted, together with such other forms or parts of forms not inconsistent therewith, as may have been prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in such number and style as in the judgment of the R. W. Grand Secretary may be deemed requisite and expedient, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum necessary to defray the cost of the same.

Resolved, That the volume shall be disposed of by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the rate of 75 cents per copy to Jurisdictions, and $1 per copy to Encampments and Lodges, in the usual form, after previous notice by the Grand Secretary of his readiness to furnish them.—*Journal*, 7382, 7475.

7. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each Annual Session.

Resolved, That to this end it is suggested that the M. W. Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the Annual Session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.—*Journal*, 7454, 7503.

8. WHEREAS, The Representative tax of the jurisdictions of Utah and Wyoming has been paid, and the Representatives of those distant jurisdictions are not allowed mileage or per diem; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Representative tax be and is hereby remitted to the Representatives of Utah and Wyoming, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer in favor of said Representatives, for the sum of $75 each.—*Journal*, 7469.

9. The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the complaint of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER, a member of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, against the action of Eclipse Lodge, No. 444, Chicago, Illinois, in the matter of complaint made by said Dr. HAUSLEUTNER against Bro. BIENEWISS, a member of said Eclipse Lodge, beg leave to report, that after due examination of the papers in the case, we find they are not in proper form; and that the complaint should have been made to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Illinois, and your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the papers be returned to Bro. HAUSLEUTNER, and your committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.—*Journal*, 7369, 7452.

10. BY-LAWS, ARTICLE XVIII.—Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number for its own use. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the Warrant of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 7479.

11. The Committee on Finance take great pleasure in calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the willingness and promptness with which our efficient Grand Secretary has responded to the suggestion made by this committee at the last session regarding the printed matter attached to his report, and we suggest the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and should be extended to him for his cordial endeavors to reduce the expenses thereof.—*Journal*, 7399, 7476.

12. WHEREAS, we have positive assurance that in the late fire which destroyed the home of our esteemed Bro. GIBSON, of Ontario, his library was entirely consumed, including the Journal of this R. W. Grand Body heretofore drawn by him; therefore, in view of the above loss,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby donates to Bro. GIBSON a full copy of Journals and books to replace those thus destroyed.—*Journal*, 7489.

13. WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Encampment of the State of Texas was destroyed by fire at the late conflagration that occurred in the city of Galveston in that State:

Resolved, That a duplicate Charter be issued to the Grand Encampment of Texas.—*Journal*, 7327.

14. WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas has been destroyed by fire:

Resolved, That the same be substituted by the Grand C. and R. Secretary.—*Journal*, 7327.

15. The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's Report relating to "Finances" and "Infringement of Copyright," have considered the same and do not find anything requiring action, further than a recommendation that the law of this Grand Lodge in relation thereto be strictly enforced by the proper officers thereof in all cases. We ask to be discharged from a further consideration of these matters.—*Journal*, 7430, 7501.

16. The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the translation of the work of the Order into the Holland tongue, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be requested to have the translation thoroughly and critically examined, and when found to be correct, that the same be printed.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated, if necessary, as recommended by the Grand Sire, to reimburse D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM for the expenses incurred in making the translation, and for performing the duties of Special Commissioner.—*Journal*, 7434, 7502.

17. As the Grand Lodge at the last session adopted a resolution, authorizing the Grand Officers of the subordinate jurisdictions "to forfeit and reclaim the Charter of any Rebekah Degree Lodge from whom no reports were received for three months after the 31st of December, 1876," it is to be hoped that at the next session of the Grand Lodge we will have correct returns from all the Lodges of this degree in the jurisdiction. We would therefore recommend that the attention of Grand Officers of the several jurisdictions be called to the above law, in order that they may have no further excuse for making imperfect returns of the condition of Lodges of this degree.—*Journal*, 7461, 7504.

18. *Resolved*, That the form of card issued and in use by the Grand Lodge of Australia, is illegal, and is hereby interdicted, and the Order at large is warned not to recognize or receive it, and the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are directed to use all means in their power to cause its disuse.—*Journal*, 7464, 7506.

19. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment.—*Journal*, 7488.

20. *Resolved*, That the resolutions upon the death of Bro. WM. ELLISON, P. G. Sire, be placed upon the records, and a copy sent to the family.—*Journal*, 7490, 7492.

21. *Resolved*, That there be a new translation of the ritual into the French language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

22. *Resolved*, That there be a translation of the ritual into the Bohemian

language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at its next session.—*Journal*, 7508.

The credit authorized on the books of the Grand Secretary by the first resolution, has been duly given.

The desks and chairs of Grand Representatives, referred to in the second resolution, have been placed in a room in the hall of the Grand Lodge of Maryland appropriated for that purpose, and the value of them covered by insurance.

On the subject of the third resolution, letters have been received from members of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, in the city of London, by no means flattering to its prosperity. On the contrary, appearances indicate dissatisfaction with the title, and a desire to substitute the name of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, as more congenial to the people of the country and better calculated to conciliate public opinion. Information was communicated that no such change could be authorized except in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Lodge and Encampment each give but little signs of vitality at present.

The authority conferred in the fourth resolution has been exercised. A joint letter, signed by the Grand Sire and Grand C. and R. Secretary, was addressed soon after the adjournment of the last session to the G. Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., England, through John Schofield, Grand Cor. Secretary, College House, Park Road, Bradford, Yorkshire, informing them of the reference of their proposition for a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders to the Grand Sire and Grand C. and R. Secretary, and respectfully inviting from them, such scheme, or plan, if any, they desired to submit for our consideration. Our communication was received and duly acknowledged. No further advice has been received.

The Cor. Secretary has written to Barbados, advising the parties of their proper course of procedure to form a Lodge in that island under this jurisdiction. I have received a very satisfactory reply from E. Isaac Baeza, of the house of Da Costa & Co. A continuance of the correspondence, to await better prospects, is suggested and cordially accepted.

The sixth resolution, relating to the new Form Book, has been complied with, in strict conformity to its several provisions. The contents of the book were carefully collated and arranged for the press by the Assistant Grand Secretary. Every effort was made to economize in the printing and binding, which job was done by Bro. John Medole in his usual good style and at a satisfactory price. A circular notice was given by the Grand Secretary of his readiness to furnish copies of the book, which created a large demand for the work so soon as it was out of press.

The book contains the following:

Public Installation. Forms for Public Processions. Funeral Procession and Regalia. Funeral Service adopted in 1874. Funeral Service adopted in 1877. Laying the Corner-Stone of a Public Edifice. Laying the Corner-Stone of an Odd Fellows' Hall. Dedication of an Odd Fellows' Hall or Lodge-Room. Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Anniversary Service. The Standard Tract. Petition for Encampment Degrees. Petition for a Subordinate Lodge. Petition for a Subordinate Encampment. Petition for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Petition for Aid for a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment. Commission to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment—Return of Institution. Commission to confer Encampment Degrees—Return of Service. Certificate of Grand Representative. Commission for a District Deputy Grand Sire. Dispensation to continue operations where a Charter has been destroyed. Card for a Wife or Widow. Card for a Daughter of Rebekah. Letter for transmitting the A. T. P. W. Letter for transmitting the Term P. W. Annual Report of a Grand Lodge. Annual Report of a Grand Lodge

having Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. Annual Report of a Grand Encampment. By-Law, Article X., relating to Returns. Instructions to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes. Annual Report of a Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Annual Report of a Subordinate Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Cards and Diplomas issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The sub-committee of the Finance Committee, provided for by the seventh resolution, was appointed at the last session by the Grand Sire, consisting of Reps. MUCKLE, of Pa., and SPEAR, of Md., to facilitate the examination of the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, within one week prior to each Annual Session. The duty will doubtless be discharged in a proper manner.

In conformity to the authority conferred in the eighth resolution, warrants were drawn by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in favor of the Grand Representatives of Utah and Wyoming for $75 each, the amount of the Representative tax remitted to said jurisdictions.

The papers referred to in the ninth resolution were returned to Bro. F. MEYENDORF, G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, soon after the adjournment of the last session, pursuant to the order to that effect. They were duly received by him, and subsequently returned to this office, and sent by me to the Grand Master of Illinois.

The distribution of the Revised Journal according to the scale prescribed in the tenth resolution (amended By-Law), was made in December, 1877, to the several Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, as fast as the same was received from the printer.

The eleventh resolution has reference to the suggestion, made by the Committee of Finance at the session of 1876, of the necessity and importance of economizing the expenditures of the Grand Lodge in relation to the printed matter in the Grand Secretary's report, and of the Grand Secretary's willing and prompt co-operation with that suggestion. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary has caused the amount of expense saved by the suggestion of the committee, and the adoption of the amended By-Law, to be ascertained, which is as follows :

Officers' Reports and Revised Journal, 1876	$6,809 41
" " " " " 1877	4,077 06
Saving	$2,732 35

I am happy to know, that the substantial interest of the Grand Lodge has been thus promoted by the careful co-operation of this office.

The duty enjoined by the twelfth resolution was discharged soon after the close of the session. Bro. GIBSON replied on the 3d of October as follows : "I beg to acknowledge with sincere and grateful thanks the receipt of your favor of the 26th ult. and the books, which supply what to me was the most valuable part of my library, which was totally destroyed; not a volume, nor indeed goods of any kind, being saved from the fire."

A duplicate Charter was issued to the Grand Encampment of Texas, as directed by the thirteenth resolution.

A like compliance was given to the fourteenth resolution by the issue of a substitute Charter for the Grand Lodge of Texas in place of the original, which was destroyed by fire.

The subject of the fifteenth resolution has had the special attention of the proper officers, but no occasion has arisen to enforce the law of the Grand Lodge on the subject.

The sixteenth resolution, so far as it relates to the translation of the work of the Order in the Holland language, has been the subject of a correspondence with D. D. G. Sire OSTHEIM. At his request, the translation received from him has been returned for further examination and revision. Efforts

were made to have the same thoroughly and critically examined, with a view to the printing of the same, but I regret to say, that my efforts have been without success. Touching that part of the resolution, which appropriates one hundred dollars "to reimburse D. D. G. Sire OSTHEIM for the expenses incurred in making the translation, and for performing the duties of special commissioner," the Corresponding Secretary, having no discretion in the premises, forwarded the amount to Bro. OSTHEIM, in obedience to his sense of duty, although he felt conscious that the Grand Lodge, if properly enlightened as to the character and value of the service performed, would have appropriated a larger sum. The characteristic modesty and silence of the brother on the subject, put it out of my power to recommend an adequate compensation, hence chiefly arose the limited appropriation. I now learn that the special services of Bro. OSTHEIM, D. D. G. Sire, in the institution of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, Holland, involved several visits in person to Amsterdam from his home in Elberfeld, Prussia, a distance of 500 miles, causing a serious loss of time, besides the expense and delay and unavoidable neglect of private business incident to such service. I recommend an additional compensation of two hundred dollars to D. D. G. Sire OSTHEIM in this connection.

The seventeenth resolution was designed to draw the attention of the subordinate Grand Lodges to the law requiring them to vacate the Charters of all Rebekah Degree Lodges which failed to report for three months after the 31st December, 1876. Accordingly a circular to that effect was issued to them from this office on the 12th day of March, 1878.

Notification was made to the Grand Lodge of Australia of the adoption of the eighteenth resolution, and a copy of the Revised Journal was sent out containing the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the subject, to which their attention was specially called. Further information will be communicated to the Grand Lodge on this subject, under the head of Foreign Correspondence.

The nineteenth resolution was promptly carried into effect immediately after the close of the last session, and it is believed that the subject-matter safely reached its destination through the mail.

In obedience to the twentieth resolution the proceedings of the Grand Lodge having reference to the lamented death of Bro. WILLIAM ELLISON, P. G. Sire, were engrossed in handsome style upon a Diploma Form and were, accompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary, transmitted to the family of the deceased, through Grand Secretary C. D. COLE, of Massachusetts.

The twenty-first and twenty-second resolutions, authorizing the translation of the ritual into the French and Bohemian languages, under the superintendence and authority of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to be reported to the Grand Lodge at its next session, provided that the same be done without expense to the Grand Lodge, have had general publicity, and a translation in the Bohemian language has been furnished by Grand Representative HASKINS, of New York, which is respectfully submitted. In the experience of the undersigned, the translation and printing of the ritual in foreign languages are exceedingly difficult, not only on account of our inability to reach an accurate judgment of the merit of the translation, but also for the reason that we are unable to correct the proofs with sufficient grammatical precision to venture to pass the translation through the press. It is therefore very respectfully recommended that hereafter proper efforts be had to have this work done among the people where the language is spoken. This recommendation is based chiefly upon the experience derived by this office in the matter of the translation and printing of the Spanish ritual, which involved us in a critical situation from which we were only extricated by the presence in our city of P. G. Sire LOGAN, who was fortunately equal to the emergency.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The general correspondence with the Grand Scribes, Grand Secretaries, D. D. Grand Sires, and other local officers, discloses the annual progress in each jurisdiction, which, with the tabular statements of annual reports received, present a satisfactory exhibit of the condition of the Order. Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes usually accompany the returns with valuable information concerning their respective jurisdictions and the G. C. and R. Secretary, as heretofore, takes pleasure in submitting brief extracts from such letters :

ALABAMA.—On the 18th of March the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. L. R. McKEE, R. W. Grand Scribe, who advised as follows :

"We have lost in membership during the year, which result can only be attributed to financial depression within the jurisdiction. We comfort ourselves with the reflection that dawn soon follows the darkest hour, and hope that the future will be brighter for this branch of our beloved Order."

On the 1st of April the returns of the Grand Lodge were received from Bro. WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following :

"The reports from Subordinates are not flattering. But one reason for this can be given, and that is the universal business stagnation throughout this entire land. The loss by suspension for non-payment of dues overbalances the additions by initiation, card, and reinstatement. This heavy loss is caused by three Lodges being declared extinct for failure to report for the length of time required by our Constitution. Then, the hand of death has been laid heavily upon us during the past year, eighteen out of a membership of less than twelve hundred being a very large mortality. Among those who have 'joined the innumerable host' were three of our oldest and best workers, one of whom was ISAIAH DILL, P. G. M., P. G. P., and P. G. Rep.

"What the future will develop for us is beyond our present ken. The northern portion of our State is being rapidly settled with emigrants from the north and west, and already there are indications that several new Lodges will be established in the portions of the State that have been most favored by an influx of population.

"We have also partially perfected an endowment plan which we expect to put in operation in a short time, and which it is thought will materially add to the stability of the Order, if it does not greatly increase the membership.

"I hoped to be able to give you a satisfactory report of the status of the Rebekah Degree in this State, but the Secretaries of the Subordinates did not aid my efforts in that direction to the extent I anticipated, consequently I have had only meagre returns, which I have arranged to the best of my ability."

ARIZONA.—The report of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, for the year 1877, has not been received, notwithstanding several requests have been made for it.

ARKANSAS.—The report of the Grand Lodge came to hand March 19th. Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, writes as follows :

"Odd Fellowship in Arkansas is making its way slowly but surely, and another period of general prosperity in our country will place it far in the van of all similar institutions.

"There seems to be a wild furor throughout the Order in favor of '*Endowments*,' or, more properly speaking, '*Life Insurance*,' and while I do not partake in the slightest degree of the excitement, and have little confidence in the systems proposed, yet I think good might be effected by making such insurance '*the feature*' of the Encampment branch of the Order, abolishing sick benefits, which few Encampments pay. This arrangement might result in greater perfection of the proposed system, and what is more or equally important, create a renewed interest in the Patriarchal branch, of which

there is a present need. Should such a scheme fail no harm would result to the great body of our noble Order."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received August 1st, exhibiting 7 Encampments and 124 members. Bro. BRUGMAN wrote in explanation as follows :

"The reports of Subordinates for the first term of 1877 were destroyed in the fire that consumed our hall in October last, and I have but two reports for the second term. I have done everything in my power to get returns, without success. To keep up our Encampments is a continual struggle as there are but two points in our jurisdiction which have more than one Lodge from which to draw membership, and the average membership of our Lodges is too small to give stability to the Encampments. The outlook is by no means encouraging; but I assure you our zeal is equal to the emergency, and we will labor to the end, and if the end must come, it will be because we cannot conquer the inevitable."

AUSTRALASIA.—See Foreign Correspondence.

BARBADOS.—See Foreign Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—Bro. JAMES D. ROBINSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, under date of March 8, 1878 (received March 22d), writes as follows :

"Inclosed I hand you returns of this Grand Lodge to 31st of December, 1877. We have not elected any Representative this year, as we cannot afford to pay the expense. The dues I will remit after I receive the amounts due by our Subordinates in July.

"Would you kindly inform me whether it will be necessary to forward a new petition for the remission of our dues, or will the one sent last year and referred to the Committee on Finance be brought up without any further action from me?"

The Grand Secretary adds this item to the return : "Current expenses of Lodges, $2,806.26, which amount to about 26 per cent. of the receipts."

The two Encampments (Vancouver, No. 1, and Harmony, No.2) in this Province, are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

CALIFORNIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received June 29th, from Bro. W. B. LYON, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. We are without other information than is exhibited in the reports. We find the following special remarks on the Grand Lodge return : "Increase of Lodges, 10 ; increase of members, 528 ; total receipts, $458 888.29 ; paid for current expenses, $151,348.48 ; paid for relief, $160,-254.35 ; total expenditures, $311,602.83 ; net gain, $147,285.46 ; total assets, $1,679,906.04 ; average per member for expenses, $7.30 ; for relief, $7.73 ; total average, $15 03 ; average per member of receipts, $22.14 ; of assets, $81.04 ; average age of members, 38.40." The Grand Encampment report exhibits an increase of 111 members. The Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah appear to be in prosperous condition.

We acknowledge the receipt from G. Secretary LYON of a very interesting table of the statistics of the Lodges in San Francisco for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877.

CHILE.—See Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 11th, from Bro. JOHN L. BELL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and exhibit an increase of 48 in the Lodge and 31 in the Encampment membership.

CONNECTICUT.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 30th January, the Grand Encampment, February 5th, and the Rebekah report, February 12th. Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, under date of January 29th, advised :

"The report of the Grand Lodge shows a gratifying increase both in membership and finances, and notwithstanding the continued depression in business interests our prospects for the future are very encouraging. We reinstituted one of the old Lodges on New Year's night, and we have one or two more nearly ready.

"The pleasure and joy at the prosperous condition of our beloved Order are greatly subdued by the sad news of the death of Past Grand Sire STUART in addition to that of NATHAN PORTER. The Order has met with a severe loss in the death of these two devoted Odd Fellows, and while we feel keenly and deeply their loss, we have great reason to thank God for the good example they have set and for the good work done for humanity."

On the 9th of February, Bro. BOTSFORD wrote: "Only 9 of the 14 Rebekah Lodges have reported, although all were specially notified that the report must be in on or before the 31st of January. I forward the report in an imperfect condition, and have reported the delinquents to the G. Master, hoping that this action may have a salutary effect. Last year by hard drumming I obtained all reports by the second week in May. I wish, if a report must be made, that it could be simplified by giving, for instance, round number of membership without regard to sex, additions, or reductions; amount paid out and received, and amount of benefits. I can see very little value in a report like this."

DAKOTA.—On the 26th of April the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, R. W. Grand Secretary, who is also D. D. G. Sire for this jurisdiction, and transmitted the reports of the three Encampments in good season. Bro. BRIGGS, under date of April 20th, wrote:

"We are slowly but surely progressing in this jurisdiction, having increased our membership 111 during the year 1877. We instituted Sioux Lodge, No. 14, at Standing Rock, March 2, 1878. We are not in favor of establishing Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah at present, the condition of the country being such as would preclude a hope of success."

The Encampments exhibit a slight decrease of membership.

DELAWARE.—The Grand Lodge returns were received on the 23d of January, from ISAAC W. HALLAM, R. W. Grand Secretary, who says:

"With feelings of regret, I direct your attention to the details furnished by the report of this jurisdiction. You will notice the work of depletion goes bravely on, fully one-tenth of the membership having been suspended for non-payment of dues. Apparently, there is no practical remedy to prevent these losses, as the agricultural districts suffer alike with the cities. Many of our Lodges are in dire extremity; a moiety of prosperity may save them, but a little more adversity will prove their speedy destruction. One Lodge has succumbed during the year, but its fate is due as much to other causes as to financial depression. Although there is very little of an encouraging nature to write of, or to cheer us, we intend to fight a good warfare and aim at any victory within the hope of success."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received on the 19th of July, its transmission having been delayed on account of the severe illness of Bro. EDWIN HIRST, R. W. Grand Scribe, as appears by the following letter from him:

"While I very much regret the adverse circumstances and severe physical suffering which caused the preparation of the report to be delayed, I must return to you my heartfelt thanks for your forbearance in waiting so patiently, knowing, as I do, the importance of having the returns at hand in proper season. I would not have put you to the inconvenience of waiting so long had I been able to control all the circumstances.

"We have added one more Encampment to our list, which enables us (although having a general slight falling off in the older Encampments) to show a net gain in membership over our last report. The Patriarchal branch in this jurisdiction still seems to hold its average ratio to the Order at large of about 14 to 17 or 18 per cent."

DENMARK.—See Foreign Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was transmitted by Bro. THOMAS W. FOWLER, R. W. Grand Scribe, on the 23d of January, with the following:

"It will be seen that the admissions to the Encampments have been very few, whilst the suspensions have been greater than ever, caused, principally,

by the extreme depression of business and want of employment, yet there must be some other reason for such a great loss of membership. The Grand Encampment, at its session on the 15th inst, amended the Constitution of Subordinates by reducing the Encampment admission fee, placing it where it was a few years ago, also, permitting members to be reinstated upon payment of one year's dues. I am of opinion that this legislation will stop the loss of membership, if it does not add to our numbers during the current year. Should it, however, prove otherwise, then indeed the outlook for the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction is very gloomy."

On the 2d of March the report of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah report were received from Bro. P. HALL SWEET, R. W. Grand Secretary, who remarked:

"Taking into consideration the varied circumstances by which we have been surrounded, the Order here has cause of congratulation for its present healthy condition."

FLORIDA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received July 20th, with the following from Bro. ROBERT D. MURRAY, R. W. Grand Secretary:

"You will see that we have gained 20 members the past year, an average of two to a Lodge. The Order is improving in tone, spirit, and work, but is languid, in unison with the times, which can be no harder in other sections than in our State. Our prospects for the next two years are cheering, and we hope to soon give you a better report. Our Spanish venture in Cuba Lodge is a grand success, and if Cuba was liberally governed, No. 15 (and No. 1 of our Latin progeny) would at once begin to plant the Order in that lovely isle. The Spanish translation gives tolerably good satisfaction, but in a few points can be improved."

Bro. MURRAY was elected Grand Secretary at the session of the G. L. of Florida in April, and until notified to forward the report was under the impression that his predecessor had attended to the duty; hence the delay.

The returns of the four Encampments were received in good season, and exhibit a slight increase in membership.

Bro. L. M. MERRITT, D. D. G. Sire, on the 18th of February, wrote:

"I regret that the past year shows so little improvement in the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction, but the causes operating against us are now, in part, dispelled. Excelsior, No. 4, has barely maintained its organization, but at the last meeting four applications for membership were received. I think we have seen our darkest days."

GEORGIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and Rebekah Lodges were received May 17th from Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"You will find that we number as many Subordinates as we reported last year. Two Lodges have been instituted and two surrendered their Charters during the year 1877. The membership has decreased slightly, but in the main we are in fair condition. The Lodges in the cities are energetic, but the country Lodges are not doing much. The Encampment branch remains about the same, no new Encampments having been instituted since our last report. I fear that one or two of our number are weak. Nine Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah have been chartered in this jurisdiction, but only one has reported; the others are apparently doing nothing.

"There may be causes for the failure of the Order to increase in our State. Several new Orders have been introduced that have attractions such as the insurance feature, and many are connecting themselves with these institutions."

GERMAN EMPIRE.—See Foreign Correspondence.

GREAT BRITAIN.—See Foreign Correspondence.

IDAHO.—The report of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, was received February 25th. Bro. SAMUEL BECK, D. D. G. Sire, writes that he is "sorry the Encampment can make no better show in membership and receipts, but the general stagnation of all kinds of business and scarcity of money is the cause

thereof. We have already two new members this term, with a promise of some more in a few weeks, and I think we do as well as can be expected."

The Lodges in this Territory are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Under date of July 13th Bro. BECK advises of the installation of the officers of Idaho Encampment, and adds: "They have at this time 23 members in good standing, and but for the troubled times we would count a few more."

ILLINOIS.—On the 1st of April the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. J. C. SMITH, R. W. Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"The loss of 249 members is not because we have suspended more than in former years, but that we have not initiated as many. Our members have done well, but the 'hard times' have prevented the usual number of applications for initiation, admission by card, and reinstatement; in this is our loss. The number of working Encampments is the same as last year. No new ones have been organized, and no Charters surrendered, and we hope to have no cause to recall any. The general opinion is that we have Encampments enough if they were only judiciously located throughout the State, and we are now engaged in trying to secure so desirable an end. Several Encampments that have been lying dormant have been roused up so far as to petition for removal to more eligible locations, and with the change has come some activity."

The returns of the Grand Lodge were received April 8th, from Bro. N. C. NASON, R. W. Grand Secretary, who, under date of July 27th, wrote as follows:

"For the first time since I have held the office of Grand Secretary, I was compelled to report, for the year 1877, a decrease in membership in this jurisdiction. To enter upon an investigation and exposition of the causes which have produced this result is wholly superfluous. They are known to all. We should feel well satisfied that our loss was so small, in the midst of general stagnation of business, pinching poverty, and even actual destitution among those who heretofore had been strangers to such a state of things.

"Briefly, the totals show, as compared with those for the year 1876, a net loss in membership of $2\frac{7}{8}$ per cent., a falling off in revenue of 2 per cent., and an increase in relief of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The loss in membership comes mainly from the excess of droppings for non-payment over initiations; the reduction in revenue can be wholly accounted for by the diminished receipts from fees for membership and degrees, while the increase in relief expenditures is found in payment of burial expenses, aid to the widow and the orphan, and special relief.

"Those of our Lodges whose finances are managed with prudence and ordinary business foresight meet all their obligations promptly, are strengthening their resources, and generally hold their membership. But many follow the haphazard style, accumulate no funds, and are liable at any time to be rendered bankrupt by unusual drafts for relief. Some are profiting by the lessons of the past and the certain prospect of ruin as the result of persistence in the course heretofore pursued, and are mending their ways: it is to be hoped that all will do so in time to save themselves from total wreck.

"Notwithstanding the continued financial depression, the diminished returns for labor, and the large number of men wholly or partially destitute of employment, the Order in this jurisdiction is already beginning to recover its losses. Of 576 Lodges from which reports were expected for the term ending June 30, 1878, reports are now received from 470, showing an aggregate net gain of 175 members in six months. This gain will probably be reduced, and may be wiped out entirely, by the 106 reports yet to come; but evidently the wave of adversity has been stayed, and we can with some degree of confidence look for a return of our wonted prosperity in the not distant future."

INDIANA.—On the 9th of May, with the reports of the Grand Lodge, Grand

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Encampment and Rebekah Degree Lodges, we received from Bro. B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, the following:

"Owing to the fact that many of our Lodges and Encampments have failed to report until a late date, I have been unable to forward my annual reports as early as I would have desired. I had hoped that by the close of the year 1877, we should have been able to make a better showing than in my preceding report. In this respect my hopes have not been realized. A comparison of the figures will show quite a loss of membership. This is accounted for by the continued depression in the marts of business and industrial pursuits, causing many to forfeit their membership, as well as lessening the number of those who would otherwise seek admission to our Lodges. We have however suffered less than might have been expected in view of the utter prostration of all kinds of business, as well as the failure in crops for two or three consecutive years. We are thankful that our condition is no worse, and that the report of the Grand Lodge shows, December 31, 1877, 518 working Lodges and a contributing membership of 25,146. With resources amounting to $1,233,852.24, and annual receipts of $218,615.86, it will be seen that our financial condition is all that could be desired, while our relief report will fall but little below that of any preceding year. The prospect of a fine fruit crop and an abundant harvest of grain, as well as the visible signs of a returning prosperity in the business world, is having a marked effect upon our Order. One Lodge has already had during the present term, beginning January 1, 1878, over thirty accessions, while others that have been dormant for a long time are doing proportionably well.

"I regret that I am unable to report anything favorable with regard to our Rebekah Lodges. While our records show 189 Charters issued, there are only some 30 or 40 Lodges from which we have had any reports for several years. Though we have taken steps to secure the return of Charters where Lodges have ceased to work, but few have as yet been returned. With the close of the present year we shall endeavor to enforce a compliance with the law of the G. L. of U. S., with regard to a forfeiture of Charters where Lodges fail to report. Some three or four Lodges are doing well, while a few more are making their meetings attractive in a social point of view; but aside from this, no tangible results are produced. As the late changes with regard to the office of N. G., etc., have only gone into effect with the present term, it is too soon to predict the result of this change. That it may prove beneficial is our sincere wish and desire."

Indian Territory.—Bro. Israel W. Stone, D. D. G. Sire, also Secretary of Caddo Lodge, No. 1, forwarded the report of his Lodge at an early day, as it reached this office on the 31st day of December, 1877. The reports of Nos. 2 and 3 were received January 7th and 16th. An increase of 15 in the membership of the jurisdiction is exhibited.

Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, was instituted at Erin Springs on the 29th of June, concerning which Bro. Stone wrote: "I experienced considerable trouble in getting a sufficient number of brothers to go with me, the distance was so great. It is 110 miles, and we had to procure a team for the journey. We had very bad weather, and it required ten days to make the trip. However, the job is done. I initiated and conferred the degrees upon four persons, and think the Lodge, with proper management, will prosper, as there is more material in that part of the Territory than here—more white men."

Bro. Stone also advised that "Caddo Lodge has completed the new hall, and now holds its meetings there."

Iowa.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 15th, and the Grand Encampment report on the 6th of June. Bro. William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, under date of April 10th, wrote:

"I have the pleasure of inclosing report from Grand Lodge of Iowa nearly one month earlier than usual, and to inform you that every one of the 336 Lodges in our jurisdiction have made reports for 1877. You will observe that our gain is not so much as heretofore, but we have the satisfaction of

reporting an addition of 12 Lodges and 441 members in 1877, which, considering the extreme hard times in this country for the last three or four years, is certainly gratifying. There are but few of our Lodges that are not gaining some, and I believe few that will be unable to sustain themselves and keep at work in the good cause. We have fallen off slightly in receipts, but reports show nearly all the Lodges to be in good, healthy condition. Since December 31, 1877, we have issued Dispensations for five new Lodges, and not a Charter has been surrendered, so we have to-day at work, 341 Lodges. The average age of members in this jurisdiction is 41 years.

"Will send report from Rebekah Lodges as soon as I can. Reports come in slow, as I have only 31 out of 93 Lodges, but we intend to have the reports or reclaim the Charters."

On the 1st of June, accompanying the report of the Grand Encampment, Bro. GARRETT advised:

"I have delayed the return, hoping to get reports from all the Subordinates, but have been disappointed. Three have not made returns, and I fear they will have to surrender their Charters. Since January 1st we have issued Dispensations for two new Encampments. The extreme hard times, throwing so many brothers out of employment, keep them from joining the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and have caused many Patriarchs to be dropped. With a return of prosperity we will take a new start and soon regain all we have lost. You will see that we gained five Encampments and 125 Patriarchs in 1877. We paid less for relief, and our annual receipts have also been less, but we have no reason to be discouraged, and are not. I expect to report next year 100 Encampments and 3,500 Patriarchs."

KANSAS.—The reports of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and Rebekah Lodges were received April 16th. Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, writes: "Owing to a long and severe illness, from which I have scarcely recovered, I feel unable to write you any lengthy report other than contained in the regular returns."

The Grand Lodge report shows a gain of 96, and the Grand Encampment report a loss of 67 members.

KENTUCKY.—On the 6th of April the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, and Rebekah reports were received from Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The reports, I regret to say, still show a general falling off, as compared with former years. I had fondly hoped for the lifting of the cloud that has been hanging over us, and to be cheered by the light of our former prosperity, but in regard to the increase of the work, adding to our membership and Subordinates, I have not realized my hopes and anticipations of writing progress in either branch of the Order. Still I do not feel discouraged, as I see and find no diminution in the spirit, zeal, and good work of the Order. The good work of 'The Benefit Association,' inaugurated at the last session of our Grand Lodge, which is now cheering and imparting new life to the jurisdiction, must tell with great effect on the future interest and welfare of the Order here. The Rebekah Degree Lodge report is almost a copy of the former, and I am compelled to say that little or no interest seems to exist in this department."

LOUISIANA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 6th from Bro. LUTHER HOMES, Acting Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote:

"I am sure you will excuse this almost unpardonable delay, as Bro. F. W. DELESDERNIER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, has been and is still very sick and unable to attend to any work. I am attending to the business as well as my time will permit, but not to my entire satisfaction."

The reports exhibit a slight increase in Lodge and Encampment membership.

Later information from Bro. HOMES advises: "Bro. F. W. DELESDERNIER, late R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, died on the 6th of June, and was buried in a very quiet manner."

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, transmitted by Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, R. W. Grand Secretary, came to hand May 14th, with a letter as follows:

"You will observe that our membership has increased somewhat, notwithstanding the hard times and disasters to which we have been subjected. The great fire at St. John on the 20th June, 1877, seems to have given quite an impetus to the progress of the Order in that city. The noble manner in which the brotherhood, far and near, came unsolicited to the assistance of the sufferers by that great calamity, has shown that the philanthropy of our Order is something more than a name, and, whether from that cause or not, the membership of the St. John Lodges has increased more than in other parts of the jurisdiction. The number of Lodges is now 27, two having been recently organized—one of them late in 1877, and the other in February. The Order may be considered in a healthy condition throughout the jurisdiction."

The reports of Stuart Encampment, No. 10; Halifax, No. 12, and Port La Joie, No. 13, have been received, exhibiting an addition of 37 to the membership. No report has been received from Milicete Encampment, No. 11, located at St. John. Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, D. D. G. Sire, on the 8th of February wrote: "Milicete Encampment has not held a meeting since the fire. Steps are now in progress for re-organizing." And on the 28th of the same month he said: "A meeting will be held to-night for re-organization;" but on the 6th of July he advised: "Milicete Encampment does not propose to surrender, but, having met with a good many obstructions, has been unable to resume work as contemplated."

MAINE.—Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary, forwarded the reports of the Grand Lodge, on the 13th of February, with the following:

"The Grand Lodge report will show, on examination, that this jurisdiction has still continued to increase in finances and membership, notwithstanding the general depression in business throughout the country. You will observe that we have gained eight Lodges, and 1,052 members, and paid $26,716 for relief. The Rebekah Degree branch has also continued to increase, having gained three Lodges and 348 members.

"I send by this mail a bound copy of the 'History of Odd Fellowship in Maine,' and submit the following table, which may be interesting and perhaps of some advantage to the Order."

TABLE.

Showing the number of brothers relieved, their age, and number of weeks' benefits paid, for the year 1877.

Members.		Weeks' benefits paid.	Members.		Weeks' benefits paid.
From 21 to 25 years	60	331	From 60 to 65 years	25	321
" 25 to 30 "	95	763	" 65 to 70 "	17	495
" 30 to 35 "	71	469	" 70 to 75 "	16	310
" 35 to 40 "	75	619	" 75 to 80 "	9	247
" 40 to 45 "	74	497	" 80 to 85 "	6	196
" 45 to 50 "	48	402			
" 50 to 55 "	41	413	Total	567	5,353
" 55 to 60 "	30	290			

Bro. DAVIS adds to his report the following items: "Current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, $31,661.78; invested funds, $171,957.05."

On the 23d of February the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. N. G. CUMMINGS, R. W. Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"I am happy in being able to state that the best of feeling prevails throughout the jurisdiction. In view of the 'hard times' and general depression of business, we think we have made a fair record in increasing the membership 244 during the past year."

MANITOBA, CANADA.—The report of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, was received February 12th, exhibiting 51 members, an increase of 3; receipts, $626.88; relief, $140.67. We are without returns from North Star Lodge, No. 2, and it is feared the Lodge is defunct. On the 24th of December, Bro. J. RANDOLPH CAMERON, D. D. G. Sire, transmitted a letter addressed to him by WM. H. SAUNDERS, N. G. of North Star Lodge, No. 2, dated Winnipeg, Dec. 3, 1877, authorizing him to "take possession of the Charter, books, and effects of the Lodge, and hold the same subject to the order of the G. L. of U. S." The N. G. also stated: "I am forced into this step by the fact of being unable to open the Lodge since my accession to the position of Noble Grand, for want of a quorum." Bro. CAMERON asked for instructions as to the disposition of the property, and stated that the few working members of No. 2 desired to "join Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, and amalgamate the widow and orphan fund of No. 2 with the W. and O. fund of No. 1." The District Deputy was urged to resuscitate the Lodge if possible, but if the Lodge could not be maintained, he was directed to "take possession of the Charter and effects and forward a schedule of the same to this office, together with the funds, which will be held in trust subject to the action of the G. L. of U. S. at its session in September next." He was further informed: "When the funds are received, with a schedule of the Charter, books, and other property certified as being in your possession, and a list of the members with the rank attained, and the indebtedness of each is furnished, cards will be issued from this office to those who apply and pay their dues to the time of surrendering. The G. L. of U. S. is the only power that can authorize the W. and O. fund of North Star Lodge to be transferred to Manitoba Lodge, and if such transfer is desired, proper application must be made. The Lodge reported 31 members on the 31st of December, 1876, and was apparently in good condition at that time; we can therefore find no good reason for disbanding it in so short a time. It is no credit to a jurisdiction to have a young Lodge so soon surrender its Charter, and while in other Provinces, States, and Territories greater financial difficulties have been encountered and surmounted than any (so far as we can learn) your people have been called to meet, we submit a strong effort should be made to maintain North Star Lodge, No. 2."

The next and the last letter from the District Deputy is dated February 4th, in which he says: "In regard to North Star Lodge, I called a meeting of the members, and there is a probability of a resuscitation. If the members use reasonable energy, there is no reason why they should not succeed in raising the Lodge to a prosperous condition."

No report has been received from Harmony Encampment, No. 1.

MARYLAND.—On the 12th of February the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were presented by Bro. JOHN M. JONES, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Upon examining the reports you will observe that we have decreased somewhat in membership during the past year, which is due solely to the continuation of the depressed condition of business of all kinds. Yet the decrease during the past year is considerable less than the year previous, and I trust that the future will be more bright."

MASSACHUSETTS.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 1st, with the following from Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe:

"It is with pleasure that, notwithstanding the depression in business, I am again able to report to you that the Order in this State is in a very flourishing condition. In fact Odd Fellowship appears to be more appreciated than ever before. It is gaining an envied reputation for good deeds and works and is attracting the attention of the best members of society. Our Lodge meetings are well attended, and the interest which has so long prevailed does not seem to abate, but is still on the increase, and the members appear determined to do their utmost in carrying out the great principles inculcated in our ritual.

"During the past year four new halls have been dedicated; one old Lodge has been revived and five new Lodges have been instituted, making the total number of working Lodges in this jurisdiction one hundred and forty. We have made a net increase in membership of 835, and had on the 1st of January 22,520 members, which I think is a very good number for this small jurisdiction. We have lost by death 214, and paid for funeral benefits $9,483.16. We have also paid $41,542.44 for 10,160 weeks' sickness, and $5,424.26 for the relief of widowed families. The total paid for relief amounted to $64,511.41, and the receipts amounted to $191,915.57.

"The Patriarchal branch has been rather quiet during the year. Three new Encampments were instituted, making a total of 44 Encampments, with a membership of 6,078. They have paid $6,941.65 for 306 weeks' benefits, and $1,510.41 for the burial of Patriarchs. The total relief amounted to $8,872.72, receipts, $27,741.10.

"In the Rebekah Degree the number of Lodges is the same as last year, and nearly all appear to be in a healthy condition. Some of them are increasing in membership, and their meetings are interesting, but this is owing to the individual efforts of their members, who are indefatigable in their exertions to sustain the degree and make the meetings attractive. We have now 28 Lodges, with a membership of 3,239, being a net gain during the past year of 189. The expenditure for relief was $508.09, total receipts, $4,018.40, and the assets of the Lodges aggregate $10,958.31."

MICHIGAN.—On the 10th of June the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"For the first time in many years we yield to the pressure of universal decline, and report a loss in membership during the year 1877. While we are able to report an addition to our force of 23 new Lodges, yet the large list of suspensions for non-payment of dues reduces our aggregate membership below our last report. This we observe is true of many of the older and stronger jurisdictions, and with them we are determined to struggle manfully for the truth, hoping soon to return to the path of success in the increase of numbers. Our fair State is destined to hold her rank and position, and our guards are at their posts, doing active service, and ready to do their every duty promptly.

"I also inclose the report of our Degree Lodges of Rebekah and regret to say they yet remain feeble, although they seem to say to us, 'We are pledged not to weary in well doing.' I am inclined to the belief that the legislation by the G. L. of U. S. at its last session, will give many of them the relief they have long sought."

Under date of July 15th, Bro. WHITNEY advised: "Our reports for term ending June 30, 1878, are coming in promptly and indicate a very prosperous condition and increase of membership in many of the Lodges and Encampments. We hope to regain the losses of 1877 during the year 1878."

MINNESOTA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received March 25th from Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, R. W. Grand Scribe, who wrote; "Notwithstanding the unprecedentedly severe monetary stringency, you can see we have made a small gain. We have petitions in hand for two new Encampments, which we shall institute in a few days. We feel encouraged and believe a prosperous season is at hand."

The report of the Grand Lodge was received April 25th from Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"Reports have been received from all the Subordinate Lodges with but one exception. You will notice that we have gained five Lodges and 409 members during the year. But one of the twelve Rebekah Lodges has furnished a report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877, and I therefore deem it unnecessary to send you a report for that branch of the Order. In view of the continued hard times and the fact that several other societies founded on plans similar to our own have made *special efforts* to work up large memberships during the past year, we feel that our increase has been entirely satisfactory."

Under date of July 26th, Bro. HOUGH wrote: "You may safely say that Rebekah Degree Lodges are 'played out' in Minnesota."

MISSISSIPPI.—On the 22d of April the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. JAMES T. MCCOWN, R. W. Gr. Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised:

"There has been a slight falling off in membership in this jurisdiction since our last report, caused by surrender of the Charter of our oldest Lodge, but during the present term two new Lodges will be instituted and Lodge No. 17 will be revived. All of them are located in thriving towns, and will add largely to our membership, as well as encourage other Lodges to work with more energy. The Grand Encampment return exhibits an increase of twenty-six members."

MISSOURI.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received June 4th from Bro. E. M. SLOAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"We think we may claim the congratulations of our brethren both East and West in that we have not only maintained our ground, but really gained some in membership, revenue, and permanent investments during these late years when so many interests have suffered from the almost unprecedented 'hard times,' scarcity of profitable labor, and great difficulty of remunerative investments. Our membership, as evidenced by the attendance and zeal of the members of the Grand Lodge, just closed, was never more in earnest than now; never more willing to labor for the growth, influence, and extension of our Order; never more determined to do the full measure of duty; never more anxious to understand and appreciate the full scope of our mission, and never more enthused with the contemplation of our God-appointed destiny. Ought not we to more and more feel the pressing importance of the labor before us and really esteem it but a labor of love?"

On the 8th of June the report of the Grand Encampment came from Bro. C. C. ARCHER, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I am somewhat late in forwarding the report, but I have done the best I could under the circumstances. You will see that the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction is not in as flourishing condition as we desire, but taking everything into consideration, the stringency of the times, the scarcity of employment, and the general prostration that has attended all branches of trade and labor, we have reason to rejoice that our condition is no worse. During the year we have instituted two new Encampments and two have become extinct. Since the adjournment of our Grand Encampment I have received several letters from various points in the State inquiring as to the cost and proper manner of procuring Charters for Encampments. I am in hopes that something will grow out of these inquiries, and the next report from this jurisdiction will show not only an increase in the number of Encampments, but also an increase in membership in the Encampments now in existence."

MONTANA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received July 11th, from Bro. LEW. COLEMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote: "I supposed that the report had been sent by Bro. HYDE, my predecessor, as he said nothing to me on the subject, hence the delay." The report exhibits eight Lodges, 274 members; relief, $788.78; receipts, $4,505.73.

The returns of Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, and Golden Star, No. 2, were forwarded on the 4th of April by Bro. JAMES L. DAVIS, D. D. G. Sire, who advised: "You will see that there has not been much increase in this branch of the Order in Montana, but I think there has been progress made in working. I am in hopes to have another Encampment to report during the present year."

NEBRASKA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 22d, from Bro. D. A. CLINE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The report of the Rebekah Degree Lodges is very meagre indeed. I am almost compelled to believe that branch a failure under any circumstances, It does not seem to meet the social want. Woman does not accept it cor-

dially, and man does not need it in her absence. I have inaugurated an effort to save it and make it more useful in Nebraska. Should I fail I shall abandon all interest and will help to root it out of this jurisdiction.

"You will discover that the Order here has made a slight advance during the year. The State has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the famine of 1873, but will with the bounty of another year. A partially developed territory is no place for despair; its history is yet unwritten, and I do not doubt but the grandest word in that history will be 'success.'"

NETHERLANDS.—See Foreign Correspondence.

NEVADA.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received, March 18th, from Bro. WILLIAM H. HILL, R. W. Grand Scribe. They have 10 Subordinates, 412 members; relief, $1,108.56; receipts, $5,442.51.

The returns of the Grand Lodge were received, May 8th, from Bro. F. V. DRAKE, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote: "I regret exceedingly the decrease in our membership, although slight. The general condition of the Order in this jurisdiction is prosperous in every other respect, as our returns show. The Rebekah Degree report, being our first for some years, is of course incomplete in some respects. It is, however, correct as a basis upon which further complete reports can be made."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were forwarded by Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following remarks:

"With the reports from this jurisdiction, I am glad to be able to say that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity. Our membership has increased, and our means for usefulness are more and better that at any former time. Everything is encouraging. We have 53 Lodges and 7,033 members, a gain of four Lodges and 391 members. Paid for relief, $17,341.73; amount of receipts, $48,318.06; funds and investments, $144,372.

"Of the Daughters of Rebekah we have 11 Lodges and a membership of 1,415, a small gain from last year. Considerable interest is reported.

"In the Patriarchal branch a good degree of interest is manifested, although there is a falling off in some of the smaller Encampments. We have 24 Encampments and 2,154 members, a loss of 32. Paid for relief, $1,945.88; amount of receipts, $5,795.12; funds and investments, $18,000."

NEW JERSEY.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, April 22d, from LEWIS PARKER, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"An unfortunate depreciation of membership still continues, owing to causes which have prevailed for several years past in the troubled condition of the times; yet, notwithstanding a loss in numbers, we are still active in the operations of a charitable nature, for which our Order is distinguished. The revenue received by our Lodges has not materially decreased, and we are therefore permitted to rejoice that we have not been compelled to reduce our charities. While these things continue we need not be discouraged, but may confidently look forward to better times and a more happy prosperity in the future. It is, moreover, a significant fact, that in the very midst of a general depression in all branches of industry throughout our State, we are still permitted to carry on successfully our beneficent efforts for the amelioration of human suffering and the elevation of the character of man; it demonstrates the vitality and efficiency of our brotherhood."

NEW MEXICO.—The returns of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, and Centennial Encampment, No. 3, forwarded by Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. G. Sire, reached this office February 27th. During the year the Lodge gained one member, and the Encampment lost one.

NEW YORK.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, May 8th, from Bro. CHARLES V. CLARK, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. No special information was furnished, but an examination of the reports discloses a loss of 994 in the Lodge, and 405 in the Encampment membership.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge reached this office on

the 4th of May. Bro. J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary, did not accompany the reports with remarks, as heretofore, and we have referred to the documents and note a loss of 71 members. He reports one Rebekah Degree Lodge with 51 members.

The report of the Grand Encampment was received, June 1st, from Bro. Joseph L. Keen, R. W. Grand Scribe, and exhibits a loss of 35 members.

Ohio.—On the 8th of May the reports of the Grand Lodge were received from Bro. William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following:

"Accustomed to promptness in the discharge of my official duties, it has vexed me much that I could not sooner transmit my annual report for the year 1877. But the fault is not mine; I could not sooner, even with the greatest efforts, secure returns from all the Lodges, and I did not wish to forward until that was accomplished. Let me here ask why it would not be as well for all parties to have the time for reports extended to *May 1st?* In a jurisdiction so large as that of Ohio, it is not possible to get full returns by April 1st, and I do not like a law which *compels* me to appear delinquent.

"As you will see, we have decreased in membership again, and to a greater extent than last year. Under the monetary pressure hundreds have been forced to relinquish their hold upon an institution which, I am sure, they love as tenderly as ever, whilst other hundreds, perhaps thousands, from the influence of the same cause have been unable to step within our portals. But though the clouds have gathered over our heads and the storms have descended, the fires upon our altars have not been extinguished; the love of our hearts has not grown weaker, nor the will to labor less strong. I trust that the day is not afar off when hope fulfilled shall kindle anew our affections, add increased strength to our desires, and lead us again in the way of prosperity. To insure this, we must never forget that 'the letter killeth, but the spirit of the law giveth life.' Of all the teachings of our Order, perhaps none needs to be more frequently repeated than this Too many do not yet study or understand what the true teachings of Odd Fellowship are. Confining themselves entirely within the positive demands of the law, they never imbibe the sublime principles of benevolence which lie outside of and above the 'letter.' But these thoughts I need not express to a veteran like yourself, whose years of service have given the fullest opportunities for knowledge upon every point of interest to the Order. I would, however, that we could impress upon the hearts of all, the genuine, true, and exalted meaning of the institution. When that shall have been done, our temple will stand before the world with new grace and richer charms. That we have many good and noble men in Ohio, who are laboring to adorn our beautiful structure with the works of a true and generous spirit and liberal benevolence, I feel assured, and this strengthens hope in my heart that the time will come when the banner of our Order will float in the reflected grace of an azure sky, illumined by the bright rays of sunshine, and be regarded as the emblem of beauty, because it will be as a token of joy to so many weary hearts.

"From letters received I think, *I hope*, that the work of 1878 will make a better exhibit than has that of 1877."

On the 11th of May, Bro. Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe, transmitted the report of the Grand Encampment, advising:

"You will notice a loss in membership, but a good financial condition. At our Annual Session, held on the 7th inst., Charters for four Encampments were granted. The new officers show a determination to work earnestly during the year for the advancement of the Order."

Ontario, Canada.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received March 29th from Bro. J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, who wrote as follows:

"But for the delay of a few Lodges I would have sent the report much earlier, having held it, hoping the delinquent Lodges would forward returns, but so far they have not. The showing for the year is very favorable, though that for the last six months is not. The great commercial depression which still continues throughout Canada is doubtless, to a very large extent, the

cause of the decline, though some of it may be attributed to the fact that other societies of a similar character are springing up in Ontario, which offer greater inducements in the way of insurance. We are trying to devise some plan whereby the loss of so large a number by suspension for non-payment of dues may be checked. From the last returns of Subordinates it is quite evident that Lodges are exercising more care in the expenditure of funds for 'current expenses,' though this outlay is yet much larger than seems really necessary. As Lodges become convinced of the necessity of being very careful in the management of their funds, the interest of the members will increase, and the number be maintained, as few like to be continually paying money to a Lodge which is careless in its financial affairs, fearing that when sickness and death come the Lodge may not be in a condition to fulfil all its promises of relief. Nothing inspires more confidence in the minds of the members of an institution than a full treasury and economical management.

"In common with our whole jurisdiction I beg to express my sorrow for the loss by death of those distinguished brothers, STUART and PORTER, who have lately been called home. In their death the Order sustains a loss which it will be difficult to repair, and one which will surely be seriously felt by the G. L. of U. S. at its next session, on account of the very active part they have for so many years taken in its deliberations."

Accompanying the letter was a printed statistical table of returns, from which we extract the following :

"Percentage of relief to receipts 20.08, or over one-fifth. Total current expenses, $36,380.21. Percentage of expenses to receipts, 32.87, or nearly one-third. Death rate 1 in 143. Average benefits paid to each sick brother, $21.17; average to total membership, $1.79. General fund of Lodges, $223,-718.89. Widow and Orphan fund, $66,494.21. Contingent fund, $6,030.76. Total fund, $296,243.86. Increase during the year, $73,028.41."

On the 19th of April the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. M. D. DAWSON, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following :

"I regret that the report has been so long delayed, but it was my earnest desire to have returns from every Encampment in the jurisdiction, so that our statistics may be relied upon as correct. In that I failed, as the reports from three Encampments have not come to hand, but they would make but slight change in the figures. Notwithstanding the heavy financial pressure throughout the entire country the past year, cramping the resources of every one, we have to congratulate ourselves on a net gain in membership of 51 ; and we are pleased to report, independent of membership, a healthy increased interest in this branch of the Order. Since the last session of our Grand Encampment, August, 1877, we have instituted four new Encampments with every reasonable prospect of success, and several other localities are getting ready for organization, so that we hope next year to show a much better result. A great many members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, to be attributed to the scarcity of money, and I trust with the return of better times many of the suspended will be restored to membership. The total annual receipts of our 39 Encampments amounted to $7,620.68, and our relief $888.00, which is a fair exhibit for a young jurisdiction like ours " .

OREGON.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 10th from Bro. J. M. BACON, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. No special information has been communicated, but an examination of the reports shows an increase of 70 in the Lodge and 74 in the Encampment membership. Receipts of Lodges, $54,598.65. Encampments, $4,650.18. Relief by Lodges, $13,576.95. The Rebekah report exhibits 8 Lodges, 186 members ; receipts, $348.35 ; relief, $81.50.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 30th May, without special advice other than that contained in the printed report of the G. Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, May 21, 1878, from which the following is presented :

"Net loss in membership, 6,377; increased number of Lodges, 5; Lodges in working condition, 899; apparent number of Rebekah Degree Lodges, 91; total amount paid for relief, $365,565.75; decreased amount of relief from preceding year $13,700.71; total receipts. $711,209.05; decrease, $53,-615 85; assets, $2,510,642.82; increase, $1,457.08.

"Notwithstanding the loss in membership and the surrender of some Charters, there is abundant reason for congratulation that so much good has been accomplished, and that the Order still maintains its pre-eminent position in Pennsylvania. A revival of confidence and business will doubtless mark a new era in the progress of the Order. Let it be distinctly recognized, however, that amid all its fluctuations, that the Order has never ceased to progress since its first establishment in America. It has moved steadily onward, gaining much and losing little, overcoming the difficulties in its path, developing its power, becoming better understood and more fully appreciated, and thus establishing its true character."

The Grand Encampment report shows a loss of 1,147 members; receipts, $89,402.69; assets, $277,948.15; relief, $59,123.04.

Peru.—See Foreign Correspondence.

Quebec, Canada.—The returns of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, and the eight Lodges in this jurisdiction, were received on the 21st of June from Bro. John C. Becket, D. D. G. Sire. The reports exhibit the Subordinates to be in good condition; net increase in membership during the year, 55. Unity Lodge, No. 8, was instituted at Sherbrooke, October 29, 1877, by Bro. G. Varey, Special Deputy, with 13 petitioners, and reported 29 members on the 31st of December. On November 2d, transmitting the return of institution, Bro. Varey wrote:

"On the occasion of institution I was ably assisted by Past Grands from Oriental Lodge of Vermont, and officers from Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, of this jurisdiction. We had a large attendance, 67 being present at the evening meeting. From the appearance of the petitioners for the Lodge as well as those we initiated, I should say Sherbrooke bids fair to compete with any of the Lodges in this jurisdiction as to intellectual and moral ability. I was much pleased with the economy displayed in the fitting up of the Lodge-room as well as the regalia and emblems provided. I consider the great stumbling-block on which most of our Lodges here have fallen at the outset of their career, was fitting up expensive rooms and furnishing expensive regalia, thereby crippling their finances for some time to come. From all I could learn in the few hours I was in Sherbrooke, I believe that Unity Lodge will have the confidence of the community, the public generally being in favor of the Order, and if such is the case there is no fear but that it will soon become a large Lodge, and if they act upon my advice, to 'guard well the outer door,' one of the best in this jurisdiction.

"Concerning Oriental Lodge, No. 36, of Vermont, whose Past Grands kindly assisted me. I understand they meet in a room on the Canada side of the line, having received permission from the G. L. of U. S. so to do *pro tem.*, until they get a room on the U. S. side, and I am informed by them that their Charter from the G. L. of Vermont contains a clause whereby, in the event of a Grand Lodge being instituted in the province of Quebec, they have the privilege of uniting with them without further action. Now if this Lodge would come in at once under this jurisdiction, making 9 Lodges, there would be no difficulty in the formation of a Grand Lodge of Quebec. Besides, Oriental has several Past Grands who have served in Grand Lodge, filled some of the elective offices, and are well informed in the work, having been in harness for some 40 years, consequently their aid would be invaluable in a new Grand Lodge."

In forwarding the returns, Bro. Becket wrote, under date of June 17th, as follows:

"I regret exceedingly that by the delay in receiving the Encampment report, which was only recently completed, I have been so long in making the

returns for 1877. The Lodges presented their reports at the proper time and are not to blame for the delay.

"I am glad to be able to state that the Order in this jurisdiction is in a very satisfactory condition, as the returns will show; two of the Lodges have not made as much progress as the others, and indeed none of them have done as well as we had a right to expect from the general favor with which the Order is regarded here. I can only account for this by the very depressed state of trade for the past four years, and a revival in business generally seems still in the future. However, in the midst of all the depression we are making some progress, as you will see from the inclosed notice of the dedication of a new hall last Friday night by Mizpah Lodge, No. 3. Mount Royal, No. 1, intends to hold a similar service shortly on the completion of the hall they are now fitting up."

RHODE ISLAND.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reached this office on the 18th of March. Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote as follows:

"You will see that both reports show a loss of members during the year, but the times are such in our jurisdiction that such a result was unavoidable. As soon as there is a change and business revives, the Order will grow again. A great number of those who have been dropped for non-payment of dues will return, and many will apply for admission by initiation."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—See Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—At the date of putting the first pages of this report to press (August 6th), no information of any character concerning the Order has reached us from this jurisdiction, notwithstanding repeated requests have been made for the annual reports. On the 10th of February, Bro. ROBERT JAMES, R. W. Grand Secretary, wrote as follows:

"Can you inform me how I can obtain the A. T. P. W. for our jurisdiction? I have failed to get it from our G. Rep., as he did not attend the session of the G. L. of U. S. last September, in consequence of our tax not being paid. The G. L. of U. S. at the same session placed to our credit the amount of the tax ($75), thereby placing us in good standing as to our Representative tax.

"I am happy to inform you that on the 16th of January, we installed Bro. W. F. BARTON, of Orangeburg, as M. W. Grand Master. I was also re-elected for the eighth time."

Bro. JAMES was informed that the P. W. was transmitted in cipher on the 30th of January to the Grand Representative.

On the 25th of June, the Grand Secretary sent a request by postal card, for "blanks to make up my returns for the year 1877." The blanks were immediately forwarded.

SWITZERLAND.—See Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.—On the 18th of April the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. J. R. HARWELL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following concerning the situation:

"Sickness has prevented me from sending the reports earlier. I am sorry to say that Odd Fellowship in Tennessee is on the decline, both as to popularity and membership. Other institutions, promising larger funeral benefits, are rapidly depleting us, so that our utter extinction in this State seems to be only a question of time, and not very long time at that. It is true, we have an 'Odd Fellows' Relief Society,' as it is called, but it is an outside affair, not a part of the Order, not even controlled by our State Grand Lodge, and our members do not seem disposed to take hold of it. They seem to lack confidence in it, and the result is, we have only about one hundred members. Now, it does seem to me, and it is almost the universal sentiment amongst Tennessee Odd Fellows, that the Grand Lodge of the United States ought to adopt and control a system of endowment (or enlarged funeral benefits, as I prefer to call it). This would infuse new life into the organization in Tennessee; it would give confidence and insure success. In this State we are becoming demoralized, and I warn the Grand Lodge of the

United States now, that we will be routed unless something is done to place Odd Fellowship in the front rank of *progressive* institutions. We have done and are doing all we can, but we are too feeble to stem the tide, and we implore the Grand Lodge of the United States to give us relief. Other and newer institutions have stolen our thunder, and are elaborating and improving our own system of funeral benefits, and making it wonderfully popular and successful. These are plain words, but they are true.

"I report, as you will see, 147 Lodges, of which 22 are practically defunct, although their Charters have not been formally reclaimed by the Grand Lodge.

"I can make no report of Rebekah Degree Lodges, because none have made returns to me. That branch of the Order is a failure here.

"The Encampment branch of the Order in this State is in a worse condition than the Lodge department. While my report shows 36 Encampments, 12 of them are practically defunct, but their Charters have not been surrendered."

TEXAS.—On the 19th of June the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. GEO. W. GROVER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"The prostration of business generally throughout our State, for the past year or two, has been felt by our members, and comparatively there is a larger membership than we anticipated in both branches of the Order. While for local causes some Subordinates have demised, others hold their own, and many show an increase of strength numerically and financially. It is to be hoped that another year will prove more advantageous, not only in this section of our country, but to all within the realms of our beloved Order."

UTAH.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received January 30th. Bro. E. M. WILSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, under date of January 24th, wrote:

"By comparing the present with our last report, you will discover that we are progressing somewhat, more particularly in the amount of relief, which is probably more for the benefit and credit of our jurisdiction than a larger influx of members would be. Our Lodges are gradually increasing in wealth and influence, and we look hopefully forward to the time when our Territory will partake more of the principles of civilization and morality, and thus become a more favorable field of labor for our noble institution. Wildey Degree Lodge, No. 1, instituted last August, and Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1 (which reports to the Grand Encampment of California), are both in a prosperous condition, and have proven important adjuncts to the Subordinate Lodges."

VERMONT.—The report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. D. P. CELLEY, R. W. Grand Scribe, on the 11th of February. A loss of 125 members is noted. Relief, $126.30; receipts, $764.76; number of weeks' benefits paid not reported.

The report of the Grand Lodge reached this office 12th of February, and the Rebekah report on the 11th of March. Bro. H. L. STILLSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, on the 8th of March, wrote:

"It is with more than ordinary pleasure that I forward you the inclosed 'Annual Report of the Rebekah Degree Lodges of Vermont,' which completes our returns to the G. L. of U. S. The Order in the land of Ethan Allen, Gen. Stark, and other Revolutionary heroes, during its Centennial year, 1877, claims that it exemplified in deeds the banner of Friendship, Love, and Truth. May we not boast a little? There has not been an appeal case before the Grand Lodge in two years, and there is now no prospect of one. Every Subordinate Lodge has reported correctly and paid in full, and every Rebekah Degree Lodge has reported correctly, and we have not a failing Lodge of any kind in the State. Whatever may have been true of us heretofore, our returns are this year complete."

Grand Secretary STILLSON also transmitted, on the 23d of February, me-

morial resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and directed to the G. L. of U. S., as follows:

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Past Grand Sire WILLIAM ELLISON, Odd Fellowship loses one of its oldest, most prominent and useful members, venerable in years as in character. In all the varied relations of life, God had honored him as an instrument of blessing to our fraternity; and he has been gathered into the garner of the illustrious company of those who have shown their love to God by works of love to their fellow-men.

"*Resolved*, That in the decease of Past Grand Sire FRED. D. STUART, the Grand Lodge of the United States and the fraternity at large have cause to mourn the loss of an earnest and devoted brother, who has labored unceasingly for the promotion of our principles; and one whose voice was familiar to many of Vermont's Odd Fellows; and whose counsels have been frequently our guide in important matters of legislation and work."

VIRGINIA.—Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary, transmitted the report of the Grand Lodge on the 2d of March, with the following:

"In presenting the annual return of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction for the past year, I regret exceedingly that I cannot report an increase of membership, or show some improvement in our condition as the result of our labor for the year. On the contrary, we have lost from our ranks 247, while the receipts by the Lodges, their disbursements for relief, &c., show a corresponding decrease. This state of affairs, whilst attributed to the long-continued depression in business of all kinds throughout the country, is, I am convinced, influenced by other causes that have been at work in the towns and cities of this and other States, and are making rapid inroads upon the field that our Order, in my opinion, should occupy. I allude to the various other Orders (their name is Legion) of a kind similar to Odd Fellowship in many respects, yet having greatly the advantage in their feature of *Endowment* or *Insurance*, thus holding out great inducements to those who would otherwise seek admission to our ranks. The people are learning to regard with distrust a large majority of the Life Insurance Companies of the present day, because of their failure to fulfil their obligations; and as life insurance occupies a high position in the hearts of those who are pecuniarily able to maintain it, they very naturally seek association with institutions or Orders that offer inducements of that kind. I have made this subject one of very earnest study, and am convinced that if we desire to make our Order what it should be, we shall have to adopt some such plan as has been referred to. To do so may be called a new departure, but if it will save us from further depletion and again turn the tide in our favor, we should cheerfully accept the situation.

"No new Lodge has been chartered, and only one defunct Lodge has been re-organized. Two halls have been dedicated to the use of the Order, and notwithstanding the adverse circumstances surrounding us, we are still determined to labor for the prosperity and perpetuity of our Order, and hope that under the blessings of our Heavenly Father a bright day may soon dawn upon us, and our hearts be cheered by the consciousness of duty performed.

"We have no Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, though the degree is conferred upon applicants at stated times."

Under date of April 29th, Bro. HUGH LATHAM, R. W. Grand Scribe, transmitted the report of the Grand Encampment, with the following:

"I regret exceedingly that the accompanying report should have been delayed until this time. Indifferent and negligent Scribes of Subordinate Encampments cause the whole trouble. I must again express my regret at being compelled to submit another report exhibiting a decrease in our membership and a corresponding decrease in revenue. This is discouraging; but there is one cause for gratulation, that is, there has been a decrease of $836.80 in the expenditures for relief. Thus, while adversity has laid its heavy hand upon us, a kind and beneficent Providence has relieved us from many afflictions.

"I cannot, in justice to myself and the Scribes who have reported promptly, refrain from saying that the report of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, to December 31, 1877, has not to this date been received; hence the delay in making my return. I hoped to have reported in January, but the negligence of others prevented. I earnestly hope next year to fulfil my expectations of submitting an early report, and only wilful negligence on the part of others will prevent me from accomplishing my wishes."

WASHINGTON.—The reports of New Castle Lodge, No. 8, Mount Baker, No. 9, and Patit, No. 10, were received in February and March. These Lodges, instituted February 10th, February 26th, and March 8th, 1877, return an aggregate membership of 85; receipts, $1,997.01; relief, $332.00. By a letter dated Seattle, June 13th, it appears the blanks sent in December, 1877, to Unity Encampment, No. 2, failed to reach their destination. Duplicates were immediately forwarded, and on the 30th of July, the report reached this office, exhibiting the work from August 24th to December 31, 1877, as follows: Initiated, 5; admitted by card, 12; total, 17. Receipts, $298.75.

Lodges 1 to 7 are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and Encampment No. 1, under the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

Since the last session four more Lodges have been instituted, viz.: Ranier, No. 11, at New Tacoma; Snohomish, No. 12, at Snohomish; Friendship, No. 13, at Port Gamble; and Colfax, No. 14, at Colfax. All the information received represents the Order as flourishing in this distant Territory. Bro. H. G. STRUVE, D. D. G. Sire, has been a faithful correspondent and efficient officer, and advises that "the Order in the Territory is rapidly increasing in numbers and influence." Of the new Lodges, he wrote: "The institution of No. 11 was accomplished under the most favorable auspices, a large number of visiting brethren from Olympia and Seattle being present. No. 12 was instituted successfully on the 23d of April, and has all the elements of permanence and prosperity. No. 13 starts out under splendid auspices. It is located in a thriving place, and embraces the best elements of the town. The night of institution we had 14 initiations. Our Subordinate Lodges confidently expect that the next Grand Lodge of the U. S. will give us a Grand Lodge Charter."

Bro. E. L. POWELL, Special Deputy G. Sire, who instituted No. 14, advised that "they have some brothers well posted, and no doubt they will succeed well as a Lodge." The petition for this Lodge was signed by 19 brothers, of whom only 8 were present at the institution, and recognized as Charter members.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge reached this office March 16th. Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, R. W. Grand Secretary, wrote:

"The report of the Grand Lodge exhibits a decrease this year of 143 members, and our financial statement shows a considerable shrinkage, which I attribute to the clog on the wheels of business. Our day of adversity is upon us, but we shall try like men to keep the bark West Virginia afloat until a more prosperous wind strikes us and we get into more favorable waters. Numerically we have no cause for alarm, and we have not lived in vain, as the following shows. At our organization in 1866 we had 22 Lodges and 1,100 members; now we have 84 Lodges and 4,283 members. Our Order has attained a high place in the community, and were it not for the depression in business I would have a large increase to report.

"The information of the death of P. G. Sire STUART came to me very unexpectedly. One of my respected and valued brothers has gone, and we shall meet him no more on earth, but hope to meet him in heaven."

On the 29th of March the report of the Grand Encampment, with the following from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, was received:

"I am compelled to report a small loss in this branch of the Order. I cannot think this result is from lukewarmness, but attribute it to the want of money which prevents members from paying their dues. Many are out of employment, and besides that, new institutions are springing up with new methods of insurance, promising large benefits for small fees, which are

drawing members from our Order at present. I think, however, that in a short time all will return to us, and our onward progress will be greater than ever."

WISCONSIN.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment came to hand on the 19th of April. Bro. L. B. HILLS, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote:

"Our annual showing is not what we hoped for, yet notwithstanding the very small increase in membership the financial condition of the Lodges is stronger than ever. Concerning *the work*, I can say there is scarcely a Lodge in this State that does not perform the entire subordinate ceremony without the use of a book, and many of them the degree work. In other words, the officers are required to memorize the entire ritual, and the result is that we have what I call an educated brotherhood, and our Grand Lodge is composed of a body of men who are critical without being captious. We are making similar efforts with our Encampments, but have succeeded with only a portion of them as yet. The example and success of such as have adopted the plan is so marked, that others are making the effort."

Bro. HILLS adds these items to his report, "Number reported sick, 700; number of brothers relieved, 540; total number of weeks' sickness, 2,598," from which it appears 160 members received no benefits.

WYOMING.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 1st of February from Bro. H. ALTMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"It is with regret that I have to report the same number of Lodges as last year, and cannot fulfil the promise of Bro. W. L. KUYKENDALL, G. Rep. We have suffered from great depression in financial affairs, though the brethren have worked faithfully, as you will see by the return. Although a decrease of numbers is exhibited, there has really been a fair and healthy growth, and all the Lodges have greatly improved in the work, so that on the whole the condition of the Order is entirely satisfactory, affording strong proof that the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth are to have more weight in the future, and permitting us to see the glimmering of the dawn of that day when Odd Fellowship shall reign triumphant throughout our wide Territory."

The report of Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, was received January 28th, and that of Hope Encampment, No. 2, March 4th.

Bro. JOHN A. FISHER, acting for the D. D. G. Sire, in forwarding the report of No. 1, wrote:

"We do not make a very encouraging showing, having decreased our membership 10 during the year, but the way things look now, I think there is a better promise for the future, as since the commencement of this term we have had several applications for membership, and a few of the negligent brothers who were dropped last term are anxious to be reinstated. I hope they will apply soon, as some of them were always good workers and valuable members, and enable us to redeem ourselves in our next report."

Bro. PETER HAMMA transmitted the report of No. 2, saying: "The Lodges are doing as well as we could expect. By the Encampment report you will see we have improved a little."

Bro. W. L. KUYKENDALL, D. D. G. Sire, under date of April 3d, advised:

"You will see from the reports of the Encampments under my supervision that there has been a falling off in membership during the past year; the main cause for this is to be found in the general depression that has existed in business throughout the nation, and from which our Territory has not entirely escaped. With the revival of business and financial prosperity there is no doubt that the Encampment branch will resume its former standing. The faithful few will, at least, strive to keep the fires bright on the altars of Faith, Hope, and Charity in Wyoming and Hope Encampments until the dawning of a brighter day. I regret the necessity of sending such an unfavorable exhibit, but hope that a speedy return of prosperity to our country

and awakened interest in the Order will enable me to send, as my next, a more favorable report."

It will be seen by the foregoing, that the prostration of business in all sections of the country has been felt by the Order, as manifested by an increased number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, a lessening of initiations, and consequently a reduction of the revenue. The loss of membership is more particularly noted in the Middle and Southern States, and but few of the Western States retain their numerical standing; while the New England States and the Canadas, with a few exceptions, appear to be in a highly prosperous condition.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

AUSTRALASIA.—The condition of affairs in this jurisdiction, at present under the control of the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, is well understood by the G. L. of U. S., the Grand Officers having fully explained the situation in their reports to the Annual Sessions, and recommended for several years the appointment of a Special Commissioner to visit that important country at our expense, for the purpose of adjusting the complications there existing, deeming such action a desideratum worthy of the earnest consideration of this body. At the last session proper measures were presented to this end by the Committee on Foreign Relations, which ultimated in the following form:

First, The appointment of the M. W. Grand Sire, JOHN W. STOKES, as a suitable commissioner to Australia and New Zealand.

Second, The appropriation of one thousand dollars to pay the expenses of the mission.

Third, Authorizing the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, in the event of the inability or refusal of the Grand Sire to perform said duty, to act in his stead.

In pursuance of this effective legislation, evincing the great interest of the Grand Lodge in the subject, and testifying also its adequate liberality, the M. W. Grand Sire took early steps to consummate the purpose. That worthy officer participating cordially in the object, so soon as he discovered his inability to leave his post of duty for so long a time, tendered the appointment to the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire as provided by law, who promptly accepted, and officially embarked for the seat of his labors on the 15th of April last, by steamer from San Francisco, California. Brother HARMON expressed his intention to visit Auckland and Dunedin in New Zealand, Sydney and Melbourne in Australia, and such other points as time and convenience of travel would permit, returning in time to present his "official" report at the next session.

The following correspondence between the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary will present to the Grand Lodge an intelligent view of the action of the Grand Sire, including the commission issued, the general instructions to the Deputy Grand Sire, and the latter's deliberate views and opinions of his duties in the premises.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa., February 5, 1878.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I find that I shall be compelled to decline the mission so generously tendered me by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to visit the Order in New Zealand and Australia. I have held it under advisement longer than was probably prudent, in the hope that it would be possible for me to accept it, and even now very reluctantly forego the high honor of being the bearer of the friendly greetings of half a million

of my brethren in America, to the brethren of another continent engaged in the same noble cause.

As this high honor and pleasurable duty, under the terms of my appointment, will now devolve upon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Hon. JOHN B. HARMON, of California, you will please notify him of my declination, and afford him all the facilities in your power to fulfil the object and purposes of this important mission.

You will also please advise the Grand Authorities of New Zealand and Australia of this change, and express to them the deep regret I feel in not being able to make them an official and fraternal visit.

Yours very respectfully,
JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Baltimore, Md., February 7, 1878.

JOHN B. HARMON,
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire:

MY WORTHY BROTHER,—I herewith transmit to you a copy of an official letter, this day received from the M. W. Grand Sire, having reference to his appointment to visit Australia, and of your like appointment in the alternative. You will perceive that the M. W. Grand Sire, in consequence of unavoidable impediments in his way, has devolved upon you, as D. G. Sire, the high honor of being the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States to that important jurisdiction, and also of being the bearer of the fraternal greetings of a half million of brethren in America, to brethren in another great continent, engaged in the same noble cause and having a common descent and education from the Anglo-Saxon race. May I not hope that this mission will meet from you with a prompt and cordial acceptance, not more on account of the high and well-deserved compliment which it confers, than for the reason of the magnitude of the interests to Odd Fellowship involved. You are aware of what constitutes the special interests referred to, and they need not here be recapitulated. Suffice it, that I now reiterate the fact that your personal presence in that jurisdiction would more than probably re-arrange satisfactorily our form of government in Australia, establish it upon a stable basis, and harmonize entirely our machinery of work, which although generally correct, jars slightly here and there.

I need not say to you that now is a most auspicious period for the execution of this commission. The state of feeling in the jurisdiction toward their American brethren is highly fraternal and kind; their appreciation of American Odd Fellowship is a source of pleasure to us and of pride to both jurisdictions. There are now two prosperous Grand Lodges with many Subordinates; also several other Grand Jurisdictions already advancing toward organization. But above all, our brotherhood there are expecting you, and are now preparing to welcome you in Dunedin (New Zealand), and in Melbourne, with open arms. The news of your advent has already preceded you, and the Revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., of 1877, is already in their possession, advising them fully of our interest in their welfare, and of the sacrifice we make for our great cause.

Let there be no delay, my brother, in your acceptance, I pray you, except for deference to higher obligations, to which our laws demand a surrender. I have labored to this noble end for several years with great earnestness. Let not the cup be dashed from my lips in the moment of success, but I pray you let this fortunate opportunity be availed of to consummate a purpose long desired, to see the perfect American system of Odd Fellowship established throughout every civilized country on the globe. Such a consummation, in addition to the considerations which will occur to you of the

great moral service you have rendered to humanity, will unite two mighty peoples in Odd Fellowship, heart and soul, in one form of government and one language, by whose harmonious co-operation the further ubiquity and identity of the Order will be greatly promoted. Besides, a paramount fitness for this great service places the Order under lasting obligations to you, which it cannot afford to overlook, and which strengthens our hope that you will realize the general expectation.

The voyage may be performed in the time to intervene before the next session, and your return will be joyfully hailed by your brethren.

I have already "officially" transmitted information of your appointment to our brethren in Australia, and have received their reply, testifying their extreme gratification, and extending to you the cordial and heartfelt welcome of brother Odd Fellows. From the tenor of the welcome uttered, and the warm hospitality tendered, I anticipate a general rejoicing and demonstration of gratulation among our brethren. May I again renew the expression of my earnest hope, that you may be free to accept this distinguished office.

Yours ever truly,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

San Francisco, Feb. 11, 1878.

John W. Stokes,

M. W. Grand Sire:

Dear Sir and Brother,—By the inclosed telegram, which appeared in one of our papers yesterday morning, I conclude you have decided not to visit Australia. In my last to you I also declined positively. Since then I have been urged by many here to make the trip; and after examining the Journal relative to Australian matters, I concluded things were very much mixed there, and that, if at all possible, I would start in April.

I do not yet see my way clear. There is, however, one chance in ten, but whether I can go or not will be an open question up to within *a week* from my departure. Hence I write now to inquire whether it would be well for you and Bro. Ridgely to prepare instructions, make suggestions, and supply me with books, papers, letters, &c., &c , if any be in your judgment necessary.

Several things require consultation, and let me take them up *seriatim.*

1st. The great trouble is the money. That depends on *time* mainly. I could spare three months better than four. Will three answer? It takes about 32 days to Melbourne. The steamers' route and time are as follows for April, running once a month. Leave San Francisco, April 15th, Honolulu, April 23d, arrive at Auckland (New Zealand), May 8th, and at Sydney, May 13th. The steamer does *not go to Melbourne* my objective point, but coast steamers run from Sydney to Melbourne every two or three days—taking about two and a half days between those two cities.

Further, steamers run between Sydney and Auckland—about five to seven days.

Now in no event can it be expected that I spend more time than is essential to *adjusting* the *differences* in Australia. Six months there would doubtless redound to the good of the Order; that is, if a man were to travel around in all the Colonies, he might arouse an interest. This can't be done. We can only act at head-quarters: to wit, Melbourne and Auckland; and in these places we can deal only with the Grand Bodies. Can't this be done as well in *one month* as in a year. Certainly two weeks at Melbourne ought to do all that can be done—give a month, and it is ample. This would enable me to make the trip in three months, unless stopping at Auckland going or coming be absolutely necessary.

2d. To this point I invite your attention. *How* are we to right matters? New Zealand has a Grand Lodge. Australia the same. Both of equal power. What are we to do? Get one to step down and out? If so, which shall we

ask to retire? Who shall we approach first? Australia is by far the more important place. All that could be accomplished at Auckland would be to get that G. Lodge to become subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Australia. Otherwise New Zealand must be left as she is, independent for a time, trusting to the future to adjust her relation with the G. L. of Australia.

What we want is a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of Australia—or rather Australasia—with power to grant Charters to other Grand Lodges within that continent. This could be done with one stroke of the pen, thus: Ask the Grand Lodge of Australia to *surrender their present Charter*, and then grant a new one, with full power over Australasia, excepting only the ritual and work, the traveling password and card, and probably the qualifications for membership. As our legislation now stands, we would be forced to stick in this last clause. That Grand Lodge would not object to this enlarged jurisdiction, unless the Order at large in the three colonies would object, and if for this reason the Grand Lodge of Australia deemed it inexpedient to make the proposed change, then my mission *would be ended* so far as substantial results are concerned. Of course, I could instruct in general principles and in the work, and thus do good. But *the one Sovereign Grand Lodge is the necessity.*

My idea is, to go straight to Melbourne, call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, say to them, "Brothers, I am authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States to arrange this matter; bring that Charter here, and let me tear it up, it is done; here now is a new one in which old man RIDGELY (our Nestor) has spread himself; take it, and go preach the gospel of Odd Fellowship in all the land of Australasia."

This done, I would advise New Zealand of the *fact*, explain fully by letter or personal visit. If they accepted the new order of things, I would put it in writing, and have them take a Charter from the Grand Lodge of *Australasia.* If they declined, then I would leave them as at present, with jurisdiction over New Zealand, and directly amenable to the G. L. of U. S. This would probably be better than to attempt to revoke their Charter. Provision would have to be made in the Charter to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, excluding its jurisdiction over New Zealand until the latter yielded the point, or until the G. L. of U. S. acted.

This plan would require me to stop at Auckland a week only on my return. That is, having closed my business at Melbourne, I would take a coast steamer to Sydney, and thence to Auckland, in advance a week or ten days of the regular San Francisco line.

You see the practical difficulty of bringing New Zealand and Australia into joint conference with me. I think the Order there would recognize it and make allowances. Still it is a matter of some nicety to decide as to the policy of *not* stopping at Auckland on my trip out. If they were written to one steamer ahead, one, two, or three leading men might conclude to go with me to Melbourne, or the latter might send some one or more back with me.

So much for the *time* and matter. As to the money, I see the appropriation is $1,000, or whatever of it is *necessary.* If I go, the whole sum would have to be used, as my loss would be at least $3,000. Can we, under the resolution, use the whole, if the *actual* expenses are less?

3d. As to our power, The resolution is broad, if you wish to so construe it. We are authorized to *adjust the complications*, and perform such other offices as the *welfare of the Order* requires. Now, the complication is, that there are *two* Grand Lodges, neither of which has *sufficient power.* To adjust would be to wipe out and *create.* Can you and RIDGELY, therefore, put your hands and the seal of the G. L. of U. S. to a *Charter*, leaving me to fill certain blanks? In short, does not the resolution, in effect, authorize you to grant a certain kind of a Charter—that is, a Charter such as ought originally to have been granted? I think so.

4th. It occurs to me, that I ought to have a copy of the reports of NICHOLSON

and PORTER at secret session on *Uniform Work*, &c.; and also some other matters in Secret Journal.

I stop. You have enough to wade through, particularly as it may come to naught, Cogitate over these suggestions, and send them to Bro. RIDGELY, and write me; only don't delay.

Consider, among other things, whether it will not be wise to give up the trip.

Fraternally,
JOHN B. HARMON. *D. G. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE R. W. DEPUTY GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
San Francisco, February 18, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours of the 7th of February, notifying me that the Grand Sire has declined the mission to Australia and New Zealand, and that it now devolves upon me, is to hand this morning. The Grand Sire had suggested two or three months ago, that this contingency might arise; and in two letters to him I have already stated the difficulties in the way of my going to Australasia in his place; and have also discussed some of the questions which will demand settlement there. In my last, I requested him to confer with you, and to have made such preparations for my departure as seemed necessary. I also named April 15th as the earliest day I could leave, and promised to accomplish the object in view if possible. Your letter has given a fresh impulse, and I have determined to struggle hard to arrange my business so that either on March 18th or April 15th I may start. The trouble is, the great sacrifice a lawyer in full practice in a large city makes, when he quits his profession for so long a time as the mission to Australia requires. But having suffered much from this cause on one occasion heretofore, I may as well suffer a little more. Besides, what a man does for his fellow-men will count largely in the final trial balance-sheet of his life. He may lose some money, but in the great cause of humanity money weighs nothing as against love and duty. Let me add that a strong motive with me, is the happiness this mission, if successful, will give you. You have been urging this matter upon the Grand Lodge for years, and at last you have *almost* won; and I want you to be able to shout, "Victory."

In my last to the Grand Sire I asked for your joint views upon many things. Among them was whether it would be necessary to stop at New Zealand on my way out. Yours of the 7th inst., to the effect that you have received letters from there expressing satisfaction at my anticipated arrival, I suppose decides the matter. It would look ungracious at least to pass by Dunedin until my return. Still let me have your ideas.

Another thing I suggested, that it would be well to send me a copy of the reports of NICHOLSON and PORTER as to certain limits in conferring degrees, &c., &c. I am aware that these reports went over to the next session; but from hearing them read I thought they were substantially a statement of the correct practice *now*, without further legislation; and hence would be a good guide to me in some of the minutiæ of the work. You can judge as to the necessity or propriety of sending the copy.

On yesterday I again read your report at the last session of G. L. of U. S. upon Australia, and I think I ought to have copies of one or two of the letters from there which you refer to but do not print in full.

Please turn to pages 7232 and 7236 Journal where you say,—"I also recommended that the two Grand Jurisdictions would harmonize in establishing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and each become subordinate thereto," and "in fact at this juncture, it will become necessary to organize the Grand Lodge of Australia under a new Charter, and to modify the present

Charter of the Order in the colony of Victoria in the matter of its name," &c., &c., and consider these suggestions in connection with my last to the Grand Sire. Do we agree or not? If we differ, which is the better plan?

By offering to the Grand Lodge of Australia as now existing a new Charter constituting it a sovereignty in Odd Fellowship throughout Australasia, with the limitations named by me, we have a very simple plan. The body to be made *quasi* supreme has an identity; it is compact, accessible. On the other hand, if we create a Supreme Body out of *new* elements, what and where are they? what individuals and what Lodges? And when we have found the elements and made the body, then we must still modify the Charter of the present Grand Lodge of Australia and make it subordinate. By my plan, we *abolish* the Grand Lodge of Australia with its consent, and that ends the transaction. This new Supreme G. L. of Australasia could then grant a Charter to a Grand Lodge of Victoria having jurisdiction of the Subordinates in that colony; and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand could accept a Charter from the same source.

If, as you suggest on page 7232, the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand should harmonize and agree to establish the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and become subordinate thereto, exactly how is that to be done? The two jurisdictions are 1,200 miles apart; the only plan which strikes me as feasible is to obtain the consent of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as I go out. Suppose they decline?

Further: In any event, will it be necessary or advisable to have these two Grand Lodges, both or either, consult their *Subordinates?* The latter are now subject to their respective Grand Body, acting under a given Charter. Can they be placed under a new body without consent? Doubtless, the answer is, they will not object; and if they do, the supreme power of the G. L. of U. S., through its Deputy Grand Sire, must control.

Again: If we succeed in establishing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, what shall be the title of its chief executive officer—Grand Master or Grand Sire? The latter I take it.

By your report I see they have a Grand Encampment in Australia. This would become subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and would require a new Charter from the latter; and probably necessitate the Royal Purple Degree as a qualification for membership in said Grand Lodge.

Now a few minor matters. You state in your report of 1877, that the revised rituals have not been received in New Zealand. If so, I will need them, including the book for instituting Grand Encampments. I presume the secret work and diagrams have never been seen in Dunedin. The work, of course, I know, and can give orally; and I will be a diagram myself. There will be trouble here, as our New Zealand brothers will be very anxious to be equally privileged with Australia.

I would like a copy of the Charter of the G. L. of the German Empire, unless it is in some volume of the Journal.

The Charter made out for the new sovereign Grand Lodge ought to contain, in *express* terms, the clause of the *German Charter granting power to constitute Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.* This would be a constant reminder of the sovereign character of the Lodge.

It would aid our Australian brothers, if I should take with me a copy of Constitutions and By-Laws of some of our Grand Lodges—say Md., Pa., and Cal.; so of Subordinate Constitutions and Laws.

I have now in my two letters—one to the Grand Sire, and this to yourself—set forth some of the thoughts which have occurred to me in relation to the proposed mission. My object has been to draw from both of you in return advice, suggestions, opinions. There may be great difficulty in adjusting the complications in Australasia, or there may be little.

Having learned the entire facts, I shall take the responsibility of putting Odd Fellowship there on solid ground. No half-way measures will do; and I believe the brothers with whom I shall have to deal can be induced to adopt our views. The resolution of the G. L. of U. S., construed in connection

with its defined foreign policy, is ample authority for us to establish the Grand Lodge of Australasia, with power equal to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire—excepting possibly the qualification for membership as to *color;* and I am clear that the resolution does not make this exception. Still, as this precise question of color was determined adversely to the wishes of Australia at the session of 1875, it must be deemed a finality in granting the new Charter.

I have just learned that Dunedin is several days from Auckland; and this compels me to take another steamer at the latter place, and adds to the time and expense of the trip. The route is as follows: 1st. Steamer from San Francisco to Auckland; 2d. Steamer from Auckland to Dunedin; 3d. Back to Auckland; 4th. Steamer to Sydney; 5th. Thence by another steamer to Melbourne; 6th. From Melbourne back to Sydney; 7th. Steamer home.

The job begins to look big; and if I could put hands on the Grand Sire just now, he might fare badly.

Fraternally,

JOHN B. HARMON, *Deputy G. S.*

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1878.

To JOHN B. HARMON,
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After offering to you and to the whole Order my sincere congratulations that your private affairs will permit you to accept the alternative appointment made by the Grand Lodge of the United States, "that in the event of the inability or refusal of the Grand Sire to perform the duty devolved upon him by law, to visit Australia and New Zealand, to effect an adjustment of the present complications there existing, and perform such other offices for the welfare of the Order there as in his judgment he may deem expedient, that the Deputy Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, be authorized and empowered to act in his stead," I proceed to prepare and present for your consideration and guidance, in the performance of this important mission, such suggestions and instructions as appear to me will be useful and proper.

First.—I adopt and accept your letter dated San Francisco, Feb. 11, 1878, addressed to the M. W. Grand Sire, as presenting clear, succinct, and very intelligent views of the situation and complications in the Order in that remote jurisdiction; of the proper remedy for them, and of the most ready and feasible means of approaching the brethren in New Zealand and in Australia on the subject.

Second.—I suggest that your idea of inducing the Grand Lodge of Australia to voluntarily surrender its Charter, and to accept in lieu thereof a new Charter as *the Grand Lodge of Australasia*, adjusting satisfactorily to it the reservations of authority to the Grand Lodge of the United States claimed, viz., its exclusive right to regulate the work, traveling P. W., and cards, as part of its machinery, to make ubiquitous and uniform its control of visitation throughout the world.

Third.—As to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and your idea to act independently of it, treating exclusively with the Grand Lodge of Australia, I respectfully suggest that you stop at Dunedin, disclose your purpose, and endeavor to conciliate that Grand Body, and get it also to surrender its Charter and accept one from the Grand Lodge of Australasia. In the event of any disagreement on the part of New Zealand to this arrangement, you will proceed with your negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Australia, and issue to that body the Charter for *the Grand Lodge of Australasia* spoken of, leaving the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as at present constituted, subject

to future legislation. You will also encourage all other Provinces, in which Subordinates exist, to organize Subordinate Grand Lodges under "*the Grand Lodge of Australasia.*"

Fourth.—Concerning the special subjects in your letter of February 18th, addressed to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, not mentioned in the foregoing, I have to advise that the Grand Secretary will furnish copies of the letters and documents you suggest as important for you to have, and will reply in detail to the several queries. In all other respects, the views presented by you in your letters of February 11th and 18th (copies of which are hereto annexed), of the duty in the premises, are so practical and depend so much upon the circumstances of the position, that I cordially defer to them, and recommend you to carry them out as far as may be in your power.

Fifth.—The appropriation comprehends the whole sum named (one thousand dollars), which is at your disposal.

Sixth.—The Grand C. and R. Secretary will be directed to prepare blank Grand Warrants, properly signed and attested to meet such exigencies as may arise, which you will apply according to such exigencies in your discretion, deferring the ratification of all assumption of extraordinary powers, if any be rendered necessary, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Seventh.—The Grand C. and R. Secretary will be further charged with the preparation of your proper commission and credentials as *Special Commissioner of the Grand Lodge of the United States* to the brotherhood in Australia and New Zealand, with power to adjust and settle definitely with them all questions touching Odd Fellowship at issue with them, especially such as relate to the form of government of the Order, and to the general prosperity and welfare of the institution; also to supply you with such books, documents, and proceedings as may be required to enable you satisfactorily to discharge your duty in the premises.

Eighth.—The Grand Secretary will also supply you with data in reference to the question of the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to furnish Australia with cards, and you will find inserted in the new Charter a similar provision on that subject to that in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in order to establish beyond controversy the *universality* of the laws of the Order as to the manner of visitation therein throughout the world—it being the undoubted attribute of the sovereignty of the G. L. of U. S., as the supreme head of the Order, to regulate this subject.

The Grand Sire, in concluding his instructions, would recommend to the Deputy Grand Sire, to avail himself of his opportunity to impart general instructions to the brotherhood upon the subject of Odd Fellowship, especially to address them wherever they can be assembled in considerable numbers, and to encourage them to our example, which has been so abundantly prospered throughout the world.

Wishing you a prosperous voyage, life and health adequate to so momentous and important a service; the special care and blessing of the Heavenly Father upon your long, distant, and perilous journey; success in your high, honorable, and useful mission; and a safe return to your home, family, and anxious brethren, I commit you with confidence to the keeping of *Him* who hath always vouchsafed the shelter and refuge of His outstretched wing to our beloved Order.

The Special Commissioner, Bro. John B. Harmon, will report in detail the results of this important mission, at or before the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the third Monday of September, 1878.

Yours very respectfully,

J. W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

COMMISSION.

To JOHN B. HARMON,
Special Commissioner:

The Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., having confidence in your ability and discretion, commission you, the Deputy Grand Sire of that Grand Body, as

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER,

to visit Australia and New Zealand and then and there represent that Grand Body in adjusting all subjects of conflict which have arisen between the respective jurisdictions, agreeably to the instructions this day committed to you, which you are to regard as your rule of action.

You will duly report your proceedings under this commission to the undersigned.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United [SEAL.] States, this, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1878, and of our Order the fifty-ninth.

JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand C. and R. Secretary.*

CHARTER FOR THE GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the United States of America, and by virtue of its constitutional authority to organize Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, in Foreign Countries, doth hereby create and erect into distinct sovereignty the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments now existing in the country known as Australasia, including Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and other islands, by the name and title of

THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA, I. O. O. F.,

to be independent of the Grand Lodge of the United States in all respects, excepting as follows:

First. The said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other portion or part of either the written or unwritten work of the Order as known and practised within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Second. This Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give said Grand Lodge of Australasia the annual traveling password to be used within the jurisdiction thereof, and to prescribe the form of card; and both jurisdictions shall use the same traveling password; and also, the right to furnish all books containing the lectures and charges, and such cards and certificates as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by it.

Third. The qualifications for membership in the Subordinates within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall be as provided in Section 2, Article XVI. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall have power to establish and grant Charters to other Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and to other Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments within its jurisdiction; and when such other Lodges or Encampments, Subordinate or Grand, shall be so established, they shall sustain the same relations to the said Grand Lodge of Australasia as like Lodges and Encampments sustain to this Grand Lodge.

The said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall pay due respect to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and conform to the provisions of this instrument, otherwise this dispensation to be of no force or effect.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, [SEAL.] this the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and of our Order the fifty-ninth.

JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,

Baltimore, Md., March 4, 1878.

TO JOHN B. HARMON,

Special Commissioner of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., I. O. O. F., to the Jurisdiction of Australasia:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In addition to the special instructions received from the M. W. Grand Sire, which are very appropriate, specific, and fully to the point, I reply to the several subjects mentioned in your letter of 18th ult., as follows:

1. The Grand Sire in his letter of instructions explained the importance of visiting the brethren in New Zealand, and I consider it absolutely essential to the success of the mission that you should visit Dunedin.

2. A copy of the "propositions" submitted to the last session by a special committee on Encampment work is herewith transmitted. This matter, you will, of course, carefully preserve, guard, and return to this office.

3. Concerning the letters from Australia printed with the report of the the Grand Secretary in Journal of 1877, I do not know which you refer to as important to have in full, or I would gladly send you complete copies.

4. Regarding my remarks found on pages 7232 and 7236, Journal of 1877, considered, as you suggest, in connection with the views expressed in your letter of Feb. 11th to the Grand Sire, I reply to your question: "Do we agree or not?" that our opinions are in harmony.

5. The provisions of the Charter fully explain, and agree with your views as to what is to constitute the Grand Lodge of Australasia. They are identical with the grant in the original Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Australia, Journal of 1868, p. 4295; also with the Charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Journal of 1872, p. 5476. If deemed necessary the limits of the jurisdiction may be defined by adding after the words "known as Australasia" the proper boundary. I append some extracts from "Johnson's Cyclopedia" and "Colton's Atlas," in relation to the country. It appears there are nine provinces in New Zealand, and six colonies in Australia. The Order also exists in Tasmania, where, it is probable, a Grand Lodge will be organized.

6. Touching the manner of organizing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, the initiatory proceedings might be by *proxies*, as was the case when the G. L. of U. S. was formed in 1824 (Journal, p. 63), by proxies from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, who with a Representative from Maryland (four men) constituted the Grand Lodge of the United States. On page 70, Journal of G. L. of U. S., will be found a copy of the first Constitution, Article I. of which provides for "a Representative or Proxy." It appears to me, if inconvenient for a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to proceed with you to Melbourne, the officers might commission one of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Australia to represent the G. L. of New Zealand in the organization, or hand you a blank proxy with their consent to the arrangement proposed, and leave it to your discretion to select a proper person to represent them.

7. I do not think it necessary for the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand to consult their Subordinates, and agree with you that "they will

not object, and if they do, the supreme power of the Grand Lodge of the United States through its Deputy Grand Sire must control."

8. As to the title of the chief officer, undoubtedly "Grand Sire" is proper, and it was contemplated to have the following inserted in the Charter, but afterward deemed inexpedient to place it there, viz.: "The officers and members of the said Grand Lodge of Australasia shall be such as are prescribed in Article II. of the Constitution of the G. L. of U. S. for the officers and members of that body."

9. The Charter provides for the Grand and Subordinate Encampments being under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australasia. I do not think that a new Charter would be required for the Grand Encampment of Victoria, as no change of name or jurisdiction will be necessary. The Encampment in New Zealand, will, of course, pass under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, as also the Subordinate Lodges in Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia, &c., though the Grand Lodge of Australasia, if it adopts a Constitution, etc., similar in its provisions to that of the G. L. of U. S., can place Subordinates under Grand Bodies of contiguous jurisdiction. (See By-Laws, Art. XIII.) The qualifications for membership in the Grand Lodge of Australasia should be identical with those required for membership in the Grand Lodge of the United States. (See Journal, 1876, pages 6879–81.)

10. I inclose memorandum of supplies forwarded Feb. 1, 1878, to New Zealand. Bro. W. B. Lyon, Grand Secretary, can inform you if the box has been forwarded from San Francisco, as we consigned it to him. You will note that all the revised books were sent. Three copies of the Grand Encampment Institution Books were sent to the Grand Encampment of Victoria. The secret work and diagrams have not been sent to "Subordinate Grand Lodges," and New Zealand must be considered such a body whether attached to the G. L. of Australasia or the G. L. of the United States. Australia and the German Empire were considered "sovereign and independent" jurisdictions; therefore, as specially directed by the G. L. of U. S., the work was placed in their possession.

11. The provisions of the Charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire will be found on page 5476, Journal of 1872, and you will find that the Charter herewith, contains the clause you refer to. I send, as you request, Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Bodies.

12. I do not find anything to dissent from in the views expressed by you, and heartily agree with you that "no half-way measures will do," but that Odd Fellowship in Australasia should be placed on solid ground.

I have some further suggestions for your consideration which may be worthy your notice.

There are, as you know, two Grand Lodges in Australasia, viz.: the Grand Lodge of Australia, at Melbourne, Colony of Victoria, and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at Dunedin, N. Z.; the former under Charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, the latter under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Victoria (now the Grand Lodge of Australia), and recognized by it and also by the G. L. of U. S. as independent of and co-equal with the G. L. of Australia, at Melbourne.

The several reports of the G. C. and R. Secretary since the definite acquisition of this important jurisdiction and for several years previous, you will recollect, dwelt with interest and pride upon its value as a vast and productive field, if properly cultivated, especially of the advantage of the situation to us in view of our common origin and consequent homogeneity as a people. A slight drawback to us has unexpectedly arisen out of an error in the form of government for the Order which has crept in inadvertently, as much from our inability fully to carry out our original plan on account of the sparse occupancy of the Order and the prematureness of the plan to the improved condition of the country and its several Colonial governments or political divisions. Up to this time but two Subordinate Grand Lodges have been

formed, whereas the number of Colonies or political divisions of the continent, as we understand, admit of six Grand Lodges.

Thus it will be seen, that by keeping our original plan in view and sedulously cultivating the co-operation of our brethren of that jurisdiction, we shall ultimately surmount present obstacles. We shall be able to begin aright by erecting a Grand Lodge of *Australasia*, which shall embrace the continent, and of which the several defined political divisions will form the several representative subordinate parts. The Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand forming the nucleus of that Supreme Grand Body, admitting the other divisions so soon as ready for forming Grand Lodges, adhering in all respects to our system as proved by experience to be appropriate and reliable.

You will find the brethren at Dunedin somewhat unfriendly to this plan, inasmuch as it will require a reconstruction of their Grand Lodge, which in this contingency would have to recognize the Grand Lodge of Australasia by taking a Grand Warrant from it, and by sending to it a Representative once a year, according to its Constitution. At first this Supreme Body would be weak, but its growth, power, and influence would be alone a question of time. As the other Provinces or political divisions of the country united with it, its strength and power would be settled and fixed. In a few years, the Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F., would become a power in the great world of philanthropy, an honor to the human race, and especially the glory of American Odd Fellowship. This is your message and mission to your brother Odd Fellows of Australasia. I pray that the winds of Heaven may be propitious and that the Almighty will have you in his keeping amid the perils which you will have to brave, and return you safely to your home, your family, and friends, having fulfilled your task to the satisfaction of the cause, the consolidation of Odd Fellowship throughout the world, and for the increased love and fellowship of the human race.

May God bless you, protect you and yours, and restore your precious life to us in due time, as a messenger of peace to your fellow-men.

Yours always,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Without undertaking to present in detail the special subjects of correspondence which have occupied our attention with the authorities of the Order in the continent of Australasia, I may say generally that the aforegoing topic has absorbed all others, except that of the issue of cards by the present Grand Lodges. The exercise of such independent authority has never been even constructively recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor could it have been consistently with our system of Traveling Cards and of the A. T. P. W.; but the necessity of any present discussion of the subject is superseded by the presence of our Special Commissioner in Australasia, who will doubtless be able to adjust all subjects of difference, including the exclusive authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States to regulate the form of card, whose ubiquity as well as universality in American Odd Fellowship must be conceded. To enable him to act understandingly, a condensed statement of the entire legislation of the G. L. of U. S. on the subject of supplies to Australia and other jurisdictions was carefully prepared and placed in the hands of the Special Commissioner.

It is now hoped, as well from the large intelligence displayed by all the parties on the subject, from the thorough sympathy of our Commissioner in our special views, and from the greatly enlarged area of usefulness contemplated by the unity and domestic independence of the federal system designed to be now inaugurated, and the proper adaptation of the people and their system of government by Provinces, or political subdivisions, that harmony and union of counsels will reward our efforts, and that as a result the course of fraternity and brotherly love will be greatly promoted among the different nations of the earth, especially among the Anglo-Saxon race. In

consequence of the remoteness of the country, and the comparatively unsettled policy of the Grand Lodge of the United States concerning the propagation of Odd Fellowship to foreign countries, but little progress was made in that direction until the successful advent of the Order to Germany in 1870, under the wise direction of our illustrious and beloved brother, JOHN F. MORSE, P. G. M., of California. Since that auspicious consummation and the formation of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire and several Subordinate Grand Lodges in Europe, the more enlightened counsel has prevailed in the Grand Lodge of the United States of foreign propagandism, so that American Odd Fellowship now prevails in British America, in Europe, on the continent of Australasia, in the Republic of Chile, in Peru, and in the Islands of the Sea. In organizing Odd Fellowship in Australasia, notwithstanding the mistake committed in form of government, which is not to be wondered at under the circumstances and surrounding difficulties, we have reason to be gratified with the general accuracy of the measures adopted. We are satisfied that the unwritten language was communicated by Special D. G. Sire MEACHAM with correctness. Since Bro. MEACHAM's presence in Melbourne, Dunedin, and at other points in that country, the formal unwritten text and illustrative diagrams have been transmitted and received by the authorities at Melbourne, and have verified the truth of this fact. Thus upon the return of our worthy brother, the Deputy Grand Sire, and his successful negotiations upon the special subjects which now estrange us, we shall be as correct in form as we are in substance, and the general welfare and prosperity will thus be permanently assured.

On the 27th of June a letter was received from Bro. HARMON, dated Wellington, New Zealand, May 18th, from which I make a brief extract as follows:

"To-day I leave for Christ Church, where Bro. BRAITHWAITE is to meet me. Some new features will probably arise in my efforts at adjustment; matters which we know little of I can see looming up. The situation of this country has been entirely misunderstood by us, as I have learned by reading and conversation with Australians and New Zealanders on the ships. Instead of being out of the world I find myself in the midst of civilization with its schools, churches, museums, libraries, etc. It was high time for the G. L. of U. S. to send some one here."

From publications in the newspapers we learn that our Commissioner was gladly welcomed in New Zealand, receptions having been tendered him at various points, and a superb dinner in honor of his arrival was served at the Theatre Royal Hotel, Wellington, on the 18th of May, when Bro. HARMON made an eloquent address in reply to a toast to "The Grand Lodge of the United States." On all sides the kindest feelings were expressed for the Order in this country, Mr. MCKENZIE, of the Manchester Unity, remarking that he was "extremely gratified to meet an officer of such high standing in America, and it shows that the heart beats in the right place when they send out such a gentleman to visit this far-off land in the interests of this noble work."

The correspondence had with the authorities of Australia and New Zealand has been quite voluminous, and only short extracts will be made from the several letters received and sent since the last session.

The letter from this office dated Sept. 29th transmitted, by direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, the P. W's for the year 1878, of which proper acknowledgment has been received.

On the 1st of October Grand Secretary CURTIS was advised of the action of the G.L. of U.S. in authorizing a Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand, also of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the subject of cards, taking occasion to say: "You will find the argument of the committee fully sustained by the record, and I take it for granted that the law in the premises will be promptly conformed to. I shall write by this mail a similar letter to Bro. BRAITHWAITE, G. M. of New Zealand, and thus place the two Grand Jurisdictions, all we have in Australasia, in full possession of the important legislation, in order that they may confer, if necessary,

to enable them to harmonize in opinion and judgment in this momentous matter, before the arrival of the American Commissioner."

The reply to this letter by Grand Secretary CURTIS is dated Melbourne, Nov. 28, 1877, and to comply with the request contained therein, the following extract is presented:

"I beg to acknowledge your kind favor of October 1st, and am very much pleased to hear from so good a judge as yourself that the recent session of your Grand Lodge was so complete a success.

"The decision of the R. W. G. L. of U. S. in reference to our '*clearance forms*' has given rise to a great deal of unfavorable comment. We cannot imagine how the Committee on Foreign Relations could have fallen into so lamentable an error as that contained in the following paragraph: '*That one of the specifications in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia provides that all cards issued by that jurisdiction shall emanate from the Grand Lodge of the United States.*' Surely they must have been examining the copy of some other Charter, or else a copy of something intended to have been inserted in our Charter, and, upon more mature consideration, expunged. I inclose you a copy of our Charter, and you will see that there is not one word in it about cards. Moreover, as certain things are therein enumerated which we are not to do, it is implied that it will be lawful for us to do all others. Any jurist will understand this. I send you by this same mail a report of the last meeting of our Standing Committee, wherein you will see that the following resolutions were passed:

"That, whilst the committee is most willing to obey the just commands of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, it most respectfully yet strongly protests against the groundless accusation of having violated its Charter, which does not contain one single word in reference to Clearance or Visiting Cards, but merely states that we are to use the same traveling password. The Charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire does (we believe) contain such a restriction in reference to the cards. It is, however, unfair to bind us to the terms of any other Charter than our own.

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Secretary write to Gr. Secretary Bro. RIDGELY, and ask him to be kind enough to give the same publicity to our respectful denial as has been given to the mistaken assertion of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

"As the premises on which the R. W. G. L. of U. S. grounded its resolution were completely erroneous, we must ask for the matter to be reconsidered. We had several copies of your *cards* circulated among our Lodges, but they were replaced by our own forms and were destroyed, so that we should have to purchase fresh stock. However, I have no doubt that the matter will be amicably arranged by the Commissioner when he arrives."

The following is the copy of Charter sent by Grand Secretary CURTIS, which it will be observed, varies slightly from the printed copy on page 4295, Journal of G. L. of U. S., 1868.

"To all whom it may concern: Know ye that the G. L. of U. S. of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the United States of America, and by virtue of its constitutional authority to organize Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, in foreign countries, doth hereby create and erect into a distinct sovereignty the various Lodges of Odd Fellows heretofore existing in Australia by the name and style of 'The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Australia,' with power in all matters relating to Odd Fellows within the said Province, except in the following respects, viz.: That the said 'The Grand Lodge of Australia' shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures, charges, or any part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order as known and practised within the jurisdiction of the said 'The Grand Lodge of the United States,' and both jurisdictions shall use the same traveling password. That the qualifications for membership in the Subor-

dinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said 'The Grand Lodge of Australia,' shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, otherwise this Dispensation to be of no force or effect.

"J. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*
"J. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

"Dated 3d June, 1868."

This letter was received February 2, 1878, but the minutes of the Standing Committee arrived on the 24th of January, when the following reply was addressed to Grand Secretary CURTIS:

"It has been found necessary to make full quotations from the printed proceedings of the Standing Committee to render the reply which I shall make in defence of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, intelligible and of proper force.

"First, I will frankly concede that the committee have erred in stating that 'the card issued is in contravention of the *terms* of the Charter,' and 'that one of the specifications in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia provides that all cards issued by that jurisdiction shall emanate from the Grand Lodge of the United States.' This is certainly error, superinduced possibly by the existence of such provision in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; more probably, from the utter inability of the G. L. of U. S. to surrender so vital and indispensable an attribute of its sovereignty to enable it to maintain a uniform T. P. W. and card throughout the world, It is, however, an unimportant inquiry how the committee fell into the error. It is conceded to be error. The simple question is: Is the card illegal otherwise, and has it been improperly interdicted in the jurisdiction? I do not propose to occupy many words in the vindication of this position. Let us examine for a moment the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia. The sovereignty in Odd Fellowship granted in your jurisdiction, is limited in the second and third paragraphs to the *third* more particularly I refer (although the second is quite definite and comprehensive), viz.: 'That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said the Grand Lodge of Australia the annual traveling password, to be used within the jurisdiction of the said the Grand Lodge of Australia, and both jurisdictions *shall* use the same traveling password.' The position assumed is that *the card issued by the Grand Lodge of Australia is unauthorized and of course illegal.*

"*First*, because it is an 'alteration and repudiation of the work of the Order as known and practised within this jurisdiction' forbidden by the first section (second paragraph) of its Charter. See also Digest, title 'Cards,' Sec. 214 *et passim.* It need only be remarked that cards are a fundamental part of the machinery of our system and are an indispensable part of the detail of the traveling password which the G. L. of U. S. *alone* supplies throughout the globe.

"*Second.* The *casus omissus* of this condition in your Charter *in words* is abundantly supplied by its *ubiquity* in *spirit* in every part of the document, and the utter want of ability which the Supreme Grand Body would thereby possess to enforce uniformity and universality in its T. P. W. or its system of work wherever the Order is established.

"I shall with pleasure give the publicity to the minutes of your Standing Committee on this subject which you desire, by giving the same publicity to your denial as has been given to the mistaken assertion of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

"And now, having with the best grace of which we are capable, considered the mistake of the Committee on Foreign Relations, in assuming in their report the existence in your Charter *in terms* of a clause requiring the emanation of all cards issued in your jurisdiction from the G. L. of U. S., and shown the presence of such a provision in the Charter *in spirit* and in un-

avoidable combination with the reservation to supply what the general system of work requires, we have done, and fraternally conclude this communication, satisfied that you will promptly retire the cards and conform to our law on the subject with pleasure."

On the 2d of February Grand Secretary CURTIS was informed:

"Your favor of Nov. 28th has been this day received at this office, I am sorry that our respective Grand Lodges should apparently be getting asunder, instead of drawing closer together in conformity to first principles and to the instinctive fellowship of our beloved Order.

"The present aspect is inauspicious, it is true, but it involves no irreconcilable conflict. Patience, forbearance, intelligence, and a spirit of reciprocal love for Odd Fellowship, will, it is believed, restore our fraternal relations and adjust our system upon a sound basis, so that the superstructure will be everywhere a unit, everywhere solid and enduring. I have already replied to the minutes of your Standing Committee in that spirit, and now feel persuaded that your Grand Lodge will respond correspondingly. The question of the uniform card is a vital one, and involves not only the supremacy as to jurisdiction and authority, but also the entire possibility of maintaining the system of ubiquitous visitation, which is an essential and indispensable part of our working machinery. The system in the jurisdiction of the German Empire is simple and free from all trouble. The card is supplied by us in the English language; authority is conferred to print the text on the reverse side of the card in German, thus the same card emanating from the head of the Order circulates in both jurisdictions and is equally effective, vital, and convenient, maintaining one supreme law and one entire working system. How easily you perceive all conflicts of right and jurisdiction are avoided, and how beautifully harmony of system is maintained. I respectfully commend this practice to your imitation and adoption."

The letter of J. H. B. CURTIS, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australia, of September 17, 1877, refers to the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Melbourne on the 21st, 22d, and 23d of August, remarking: "You will observe that the two important questions in reference to the Clearance Cards and the Supreme Grand Lodge of Australasia were left for the decision of the Standing Committee. I do not think it probable that a Grand Lodge of Australasia will be formed for some time; meanwhile, I ask your instruction as to the granting of Warrants or Charters to Grand Lodges in any of the Australian or Australasian Provinces. There are now six Lodges opened in South Australia, of which Adelaide is the chief city. To whom must they apply for a Charter for a Grand Lodge? In yours of 17th of July (which I received yesterday), you speak of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand as being subordinate to our Grand Lodge. I fear it will scarcely be prepared to acknowledge any such subordination. It seems to me that, until the Grand Lodge of Australasia is *de facto* established, Charters for all Grand Lodges in Australia must be issued from the Grand Lodge of the United States. Please give me definite instructions in this matter at your very earliest convenience.

"At the end of the Journal of the Grand Lodge you will find a brief report of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment. From it you will perceive that I have been elected Grand Scribe, FREDERICK BATCHELDOR is M. W. Grand Patriarch; WILLIAM GANE, M. W. Grand Master."

To the above a reply was sent on the 27th of October, from which I quote as follows:

"You inquire of me as to the granting of Warrants or Charters to Grand Lodges in the Australasian Provinces, premising what you have to say with the remark that, you 'do not think it probable that a Grand Lodge of Australasia will be formed for some time.' Proceeding upon the theory of a federal government in Odd Fellowship for Australasia all applications for Colonial or Provincial Grand Lodges which are to form the Supreme Lodge, should be to the Grand Lodge of the United States. I spoke of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as being subordinate to your Grand Lodge, from the fact, that

it was not authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States. More recent information, as you will perceive in my last report, removes all doubt about its illegal status in the Order. It claims to have been organized by Bro. MEACHAM, D. D. G. Sire of the G. L. of U. S., by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and that it is a Co-Grand Lodge of equal power and privileges with the G. L. of Victoria (now Australia); is wholly independent of it, pays no tribute to it, and occupies the same position as that of a State Grand Lodge in our federation. I notice in the printed address of G. Master BRAITHWAITE to the G. L. of New Zealand, session of 1877, a reiteration of his position, that 'a Supreme Grand Lodge for Australasia, to which the Colonial Grand Lodges should all be subordinate, would be expensive, unworkable, and without any advantage,' also that they, the G. L. of New Zealand, desired to retain the position it had hitherto held, viz.:— that of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, co-equal to the Grand Lodge of Australia, and subordinate only to the Grand Lodge of the United States. This is a remarkable position to occupy on the question of independence and national sovereignty. A communication received from Bro. MEACHAM and published on pages 7415, 7416, Journal of 1877, establishes the fact that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has no such status as is assumed by Grand Master BRAITHWAITE. The letter referred to contains this remarkable passage. 'In 1869, *by virtue of a Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria,* which had already received a Charter from the G. L. of U. S., I established the same Order in New Zealand, and gave to them the signs, working password, etc.' Hence G. M. BRAITHWAITE's position is not well taken."

This letter was promptly acknowledged by Grand Secretary CURTIS on the 26th of December, who said:

"We were all particularly interested in reading the copy you inclosed of a letter received from Bro. A. D. MEACHAM at the last session. It had been rumored in Melbourne that he had gone over to the 'great majority' some years ago; we are happy to find that he is still alive, and that he takes an interest in our welfare, notwithstanding that, owing to his somewhat isolated position, he is not quite *au fait* with our doings here. I had not the honor of his acquaintance, but many of the brothers here speak very highly of the pains that he took to indoctrinate them in the working of the new system.

"I submit to you, with great respect for your superior judgment, that the only way of giving a legal status to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, would be by giving them a Charter from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I have this day written to the M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, giving him some particulars about the voyage. I hope he will be able to spare the time to visit us, as there can be no doubt that his presence will fan the flame of Odd Fellowship, and be the means of bringing many under its genial influence who might otherwise remain in the cold.

"I have a piece of intelligence which I have no doubt will be gratifying to you. In a conversation which I had a few days ago with my friend Mr. JACOB HART, the Grand Secretary of the Victoria branch of the Manchester Unity, he told me that at the coming meeting of their A. M. C. they are going to remove from their Constitution a law which forbids members of any other society calling themselves Odd Fellows from joining their body. Mr. HART is a very intelligent man, and so are all their Grand Officers. We often confer together privately on subjects of mutual interest. You will also be glad to hear that about two years ago they, and the officers of other friendly societies here, paid me the high compliment of electing me chairman of a conference of all the friendly societies for the purpose of watching the progress of a Bill introduced into Parliament to amend The Friendly Societies' Act. This Bill received the Governor's sanction a few days ago, and will shortly come into operation.

"I perceive that some of the officers of some of your State Grand Lodges fall into the error that we are bound by all your Constitutional laws. This could not possibly be the case, as we must conform to the Friendly Societies' Act. The chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of some State Grand

Lodge (I forget which) gave us some very unnecessary hints, owing to his want of knowledge in reference to this matter."

Letters referring to the visit of the Special Commissioner were addressed to Grand Master GANE and Grand Secretary CURTIS, February 8th and 28th, and March 6th and 7th.

In the letter of March 6th the receipt of Grand Secretary CURTIS' letter of December 26th, which reached this office March 2d, was acknowledged, from which I quote as follows:

"I was glad to observe the cordial relations which subsist between you and Mr. HART, Gr. Sec'y of the Victoria branch of the Manchester Unity. That is right, and will do much to conciliate all good citizens. That is not only the correct policy, but is also a correct principle. Do not let the course of any of our State officers disturb your equanimity. The G. L. of U. S. will do you no harm or in any way trespass upon your rights; but on the contrary will ever uphold them and advance them by all legitimate means. Above all, will it uphold you in your constitutional prerogatives, and shelter you from wrong. Of course you will be strenuously sustained in deferring promptly and thoroughly to the laws of your country, and in viewing them as paramount and obligatory."

On the 25th of July a letter was received from J. H. B. CURTIS, R. W. Gr. Sec'y, dated Melbourne, June 15, 1878, as follows:

"I have the honor and the very great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of 5th of March, 1878, which was delivered into my hands on Sunday, June 9th, by R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. J. B. HARMON. We had been very anxiously on the lookout for the good brother for two days previously, as we had received a telegram from Bro. BRAITHWAITE, informing us that he had started from Dunedin. Grand Master GANE, Deputy Grand Master JUDGE, two members of our Parliament, Bros. BRISTOW and COOK, Past Grand Masters BATCHELDOR and KIDSTON, also myself, went to Sandridge to meet the Commissioner and escort him to town. We took apartments for him at one of our best clubs. On Monday, 10th, he was entertained at a sumptuous banquet provided by P. G. M. KIDSTON, at which all the leading brothers of the Order in Melbourne, including the consul, Mr. S. P. LORD, were present.

"We have had two meetings of the Standing Committee of our R. W. G. L., at which Bro. HARMON fully propounded the manner in which he proposes to arrange matters for our more perfect government. I don't think there will be any difficulty worth mentioning in carrying out the plan. It is an enormous advantage for us to have as your Commissioner a man of so much erudition and with the legal acumen of Bro. HARMON. Although from the kind eulogium you had passed upon him in your two former letters (the receipt of which I should have acknowledged earlier), we had expected to see almost a perfect type of an American Odd Fellow, still I speak nothing more than the bare truth when I assert that our expectations have been more than realized. I know, my dear brother, that your kind heart will always cause you to say everything possible in praise of a brother, but you really could not exaggerate the merits of Bro. HARMON. He is truly a man whom to know is to love. I deeply regret that the stern necessity of bread-winning will not allow me to spend more time in his dear company; there is so much to be learned in conversing with him. He has edified and delighted us beyond measure in the Lodge-room. He performed the ceremony of initiation in the Duke of York Lodge, No. 1, on Tuesday night last, and you will be gratified to know that in comparing our manner of giving the S. W. with his perfect model, we find that we are strictly accurate. This is, of course, owing to the kindness of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in sending us the means of securing such accuracy.

"I have a great deal that I could say to you, but am very much pressed for time, and am only writing these few lines because I know that Bro. HARMON is very busy. This morning I saw him off for Ballarat, the next place in importance to Melbourne. He is to be entertained there at a public ban-

quet on Monday night. I send you a copy of a document that we issued, that you may see some of the arrangements.

"I can assure you that no language can adequately express our indebtedness to you and to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for this proof of your interest in our welfare in sending to us so distinguished a Commissioner."

The circular of Grand Secretary CURTIS is appended as follows:

I. O. O. F.

GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Melbourne, 12th June, 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

It is my very pleasing duty to inform you officially of the arrival of Bro. J. B. HARMON, Deputy Grand Sire, G. L. of U. S. This distinguished brother has been commissioned by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to come to Australia for the purpose of placing our system of government on a more perfect basis, giving us enlarged powers, and making us harmonize with the grand model of the United States. Bro. HARMON has already been present at two meetings of the Standing Committee of our R. W. Grand Lodge, and has given the amplest proof of his pre-eminent qualifications for the mission which has been intrusted to him. We have no doubt that almost every individual brother would like to have it in his power to say that he has enjoyed the honor of grasping the hand of one of the truest and most accomplished Odd Fellows in the world. Unfortunately for us, Bro. HARMON's stay in Victoria will be very short, as he must leave Sydney for San Francisco on the 18th July. Bro. HARMON has kindly made the following arrangements:—He will proceed to Ballarat on Saturday, 15th, and will be present at the banquet to be given by the brothers of the Ballarat District on Monday 17th. He will remain at Ballarat till the 18th. He will be at Castlemaine on Wednesday, 19th; at Sandhurst on Thursday, 20th; at Echuca on Friday, 21st. He will return to Melbourne on Saturday, 22d. On Monday, 24th, he will be at Geelong; at Winchelsea on Tuesday, 25th; at Colac on Wednesday, 26th. He will return to Melbourne on the 27th. On Monday, 1st July, a public banquet will be given to him in Melbourne, the arrangements for which will shortly be advertised. He will leave Victoria for Sydney about the 6th of July.

The M. W. Grand Master feels that it is quite superfluous for him to bespeak for Bro. HARMON the kind attention of the brothers in the districts that he visits. Bro. HARMON would desire to visit each individual Lodge, for his heart seems to revel in the society of the Lodge-room; but as it would be impossible for him to indulge this wish, it is hoped that, when he is visiting a Lodge, the brothers in the district will make it their business to go to that Lodge. He will visit some of the Melbourne Lodges on his return from the country, but he cannot yet make further definite arrangements. The Worthy D. D. G. M's in the country districts that Bro. HARMON is to visit will please arrange with the N. G. and other Lodge officers for summoning the brothers to meet Bro. HARMON on the nights indicated above, when the brothers will enjoy a treat which they have never yet experienced, and which they may never again have in their life—a treat which would well repay a journey of many miles. I am, dear sir and brother,

Yours in F., L. & T.,
J. H. B. CURTIS, *Grand Secretary.*

By order of the M. W. G. M.

The letter of Bro. CURTIS was answered on the 1st of August, as follows:

"The links which bind us have incorporated ourselves not only in one body, but resolved our natures into unity. Let us thank God, then, that we have labored zealously to this grand consummation, and that our leading men and legislators may direct the auspicious promise which now smiles upon American Odd Fellowship until it shall bring together in one fold the scattered tribes of Judah. I acknowledge with great pleasure yours, dated Melbourne, June 15, 1878, and give you sincere congratulation at the very

grand diplomatic results, through the agency of our talented Special Commissioner, which it announces. I am exceedingly happy that he has proved himself equal to the crisis, and that success, complete and thorough, has rewarded his labors and personal sacrifices which have been great to a brother of his professional ability. When we have been able to realize the magnitude of the service rendered by Bro. HARMON to Odd Fellowship after our experience of results in a year or two, we shall be ready to exclaim in grateful homage to all who have participated in the persistent work, 'Well done, good and faithful servants; ye have been zealous and faithful to the end. May God remember you when he makes up his jewels.' I do not propose at this time to answer your elaborate letter, which will be reported to the G. L. of U. S., but simply to render you well-deserved thanks for the unremitted interest which you have taken in this very great subject, and to felicitate you upon its enduring success. May God crowd your temples of Odd Fellowship with new recruits, and reunite our brethren wherever divided, throughout the world."

The Proceedings of the twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Australia, held at Melbourne, Aug. 21st, 22d, and 23d, 1877, and Minutes of the Standing Committee, November 12th, 1877, February 11th and May 6th, 1878, were duly received and supply important information. The report of the Grand Master, Bro. HUGH ROSS, is an interesting document. He speaks of his efforts to open new Lodges through correspondence with 110 members, "scattered not only through nearly every town, hamlet, and district in this Colony, but also over the other Colonies," as meeting with such success as warrants the expectation of speedily establishing many Lodges at places where none now exist. Twenty-two decisions were reported. He quotes the statistics presented in the Journal of the G. L. of U. S. to show the "progress of the Order," remarking: "It is gratifying to be able to report that the Order, both abroad and at home, has never been in such a flourishing condition. In America, its already gigantic proportions have been considerably enlarged; while in Europe—especially Switzerland—and the other dominions into which it has more recently been introduced, it has increased to a very large extent."

The Grand Secretary, Bro. CURTIS, said, "The triumphant achievements that have adorned the year 1876–7 have been richly earned by the untiring zeal of him who has so worthily filled the highest post of honor that it is in your power to bestow. Two Lodges opened in New South Wales, five in South Australia, and four in our own Colony may well be called a 'triumph,' of which every officer and Representative of this honorable body may be justly proud." He reports the membership, March 30, 1877, in Victoria and Tasmania as 2,750, an increase of 310 during the year; the total, including New South Wales and South Australia, being 3,380. "A list of Lodges and nights of meeting for the year 1878," gives the names and location of 45 Lodges in Victoria, 3 in Tasmania, 4 in New South Wales, 9 in South Australia, making a total of 61 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australia, an increase of 17 during the year.

Assets of 43 Lodges in Victoria and 3 in Tasmania	$55,015,	increase	$13,647
Paid to sick members	9,800	"	147
Total receipts	44,400	"	7,851
Expenditure from incidental fund	21,310		
Funeral fund disbursed by Grand Lodge	$2,900		
Sick pay disbursed by Subordinates	9,800		
Total relief for the year	$12,700		

General Funeral Fund of the Grand Lodge, June 30, 1877		$21,240 00
Grand Lodge Fund in hands of the Trustees	$19,700 00	
In Bank	1,110 00	
		20,810 00
Interest on investments received during the year		770 00
The indebtedness on Hall and Asylum amounts to		6,235 00

The published correspondence occupies 38 pages of the Journal, embracing the several letters from this office and the replies thereto. The session was apparently an interesting one, largely attended, and the business transacted in a systematic manner. The session of 1878 was to be held at Castlemaine, August 20, 1878.

The Journal of the Grand Encampment (August 21, 1877) is printed with the Grand Lodge Proceedings. It appears there are 3 Encampments in Victoria and one in New Zealand under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Victoria. The number of Patriarchs now good on the books is 120. No further statistics concerning this branch of the Order are given.

The minutes of the quarterly meetings of the Standing Committee, Nov. 12th, Feb. 11th, and May 6th were duly received, from which we learn of the institution, since the session of the Grand Lodge in August, of ten new Lodges. In the Loyal Secundus, No. 9, Adelaide, South Australia, *one hundred and twenty-two* candidates were initiated on the opening night, and on the night of institution of the Loyal Lincoln Lodge, No. 96, at the Swan Hotel, in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, *fifty-two* candidates were initiated. The Finance Committee "are sorry to be compelled to notice that some of the older and at one time promising Lodges have the half of their members unfinancial." At the February session Grand Secretary CURTIS made an interesting report of his visit to Sydney and Newcastle, New South Wales, under a special commission from Grand Master GANE, and at the May session G. Master GANE reported the visit of the Grand Master, and Deputy G. Master JUDGE to South Australia, where at Adelaide he had instituted the Loyal Alberton Lodge, No. 10, and the Loyal Bon Accord Lodge, No. 11, with over *sixty* members each. Since his return another Lodge had been opened, called the Loyal Excelsior, No. 12. A Lodge is about to be organized at Gawler, about 25 miles from Adelaide, also one at Charters Towers, in Queensland, and measures were taken to establish one at Abbotsford. The consideration of the subject of "clearance forms" was "postponed until the meeting of the Standing Committee, which will be held after the arrival of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire Bro. HARMON." A committee was appointed "to receive the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and attend to his comfort," the Standing Committee resolved to meet immediately after his arrival, and it was also "*Resolved*, That the brothers of the Order be invited to a demonstration to be given in Melbourne to the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. JOHN B. HARMON."

The correspondence with the authorities of New Zealand embraces letters from JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, G. M., dated Sept. 25, Oct. 5, and Oct. 30, 1877, also as P. G. M., Nov. 10 and Nov. 14, 1877; Jan. 31 and Feb. 28, 1878; with letters from this office dated Sept. 29, Oct. 1, Oct. 29, and Nov. 30, 1877, Jan. 3, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 28, March 7, and March 8, 1878, to Brother BRAITHWAITE, his successor, Bro. MCGAW, and Grand Secretary WILSON.

From the letter of G. M. BRAITHWAITE, dated Sept. 25th, I quote the following:

"Our Grand Lodge has, after an animated and well-conducted debate, unanimously adopted 'Table C,' as amended herewith, respecting new rates of contributions, applicable only to members joining after Dec. 31st of this year. Members previous to that date to pay the old rate, viz.: 1s. 3d. per week all round. Personally, the opinion held by me is, that the latter is inequitable, inasmuch as, if it is a fact, according to the four tables prepared by Messrs. LESLIE and BLACK, that our rates were insufficient for the benefits we promise ourselves in the future from 26 years of age upward, then it follows, as a matter of course, that the mere fact of raising the subscriptions to a correct charge on members joining after a certain date, will not counterbalance the inadequate rates contributed by those who were members prior to that date. Many other sound arguments can be advanced proving the inequality of the arrangement. However, we made a step in advance in financial reform, and considering that all the societies here are working upon our old system, it was a hopeful sign to see that our Representatives were of

one mind so far as the matter went. No doubt time will prove the anomaly created by charging two prices for exactly the same goods. Perfection cannot be obtained all at once, and I am therefore pleased to see that our Grand Lodge has commenced in its early existence to concede some points in financial reform. We can therefore rest content that from this basis all evils of a similar character will be rectified as experience points the road."

"Table C" (converting the currency of the country into United States currency) provides as follows:

"Benefits allowed after 12 months' membership: Sick, $5.00 per week for the first six months, $2.50 for the second, $1.25 after 12 months. Funeral, $100.00 on death of a member, $50.00 on the death of a member's wife (for one wife only). Surgeon and Chemist's benefits immediately on joining.

"Initiation fees: 18 to 25 years, $5.00; 26 to 30, $6.25; 31 to 40, $7.50; 41 to 45, $10.00.

"Contributions to Sick, Funeral, and Management Funds (Management expenses limited to 15 cents per week, per member, allowance being made for Initiation and Honorary members' fees), per quarter of 13 weeks: 18 to 20 years, $3.80; 21 to 25, $4.06; 26 to 30, $4.33; 31 to 35, $4.87; 36 to 40, $5.41; 41 to 45, $5.95. The amounts to be appropriated to 'Sick Fund' and to 'Funeral Fund' are specified, as of the $5.95 from members from 41 to 45 years of age, $2.97 are placed to the 'Sick,' and 95 cents to the 'Funeral Fund.' After deducting from each quarter's subscription the amount thus appropriated, the balance is to be credited to the 'Management Fund' for payment of general expenses only, including Surgeon and Chemist; also all initiation fees, including honorary members' subscriptions, are to be placed to this fund, which added together represent 15 cents per week paid by every member as working expenses. If management expenses of any Lodge exceed this rate, a levy shall be raised to meet the difference, so as to keep the Sick and Funeral Funds intact.

"During the last two years, the following are the members initiated, also ages when admitted, as far as Return Sheets show: 10 from 18 to 20 years, 60 from 21 to 25, 56 from 26 to 30, 36 from 31 to 35, 9 from 36 to 40, 5 from 41 to 45."

In their report Messrs. Leslie and Black say:

"The Tables of Sickness and Mortality used are those of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, compiled from the experience of that society in Great Britain, by Mr. Henry Ratcliffe, the C. S. of the Order. The reputation which these Tables have acquired renders comment on our part almost unnecessary. Such is the estimation in which they are held, that the Actuarial Commission lately appointed by the Imperial Government, have affirmed them to be the only reliable tables extant, relative to friendly societies."

They question the correctness of the assertion, that the rates of sickness and mortality experienced among friendly societies in New Zealand are less than those of England, as they have not sufficient statistics to determine the matter, but if so, that the age of members and other causes may influence the result, as the Manchester Unity in Otago (New Zealand), out of 1,583 members have not one beyond the age of 56 years, and few, if any, societies of like number in England are so favorably situated, while this society may be taken as a fair sample of the rest of the New Zealand societies.

The letter of Oct. 5th advises: "We are holding one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Grand Lodge, which has upheld the views expressed by myself to you on the 30th May, concerning the Constitution of the G. L. of New Zealand. In yours of the above date you say in effect, 'that the preamble in our law-book settles the question that the G. L. of New Zealand is subordinate to the G. L. of Australia.' We fail to observe this, inasmuch as there is no subordination of any kind mentioned therein, on the contrary it appears to be an unconditional surrender on the part of the G.L. of Victoria, A. I. O. F. (afterward G. L. of Australia, I. O. O. F.), and at the same time creates us an independent body for the Colony of New Zealand without any reservations.

"According to the substance of the reservations maintained by the G. L. of U. S., respecting the Order here, no mention is made of having a uniform Withdrawal (or Clearance) Card, therefore the Lodges in America which refused to receive our brothers because the card was not the same as the American one, acted unconstitutionally."

Bro. BRAITHWAITE, in his letter of Oct. 24th, says: "The facts and figures in your yearly volumes should enlist the active sympathy of all philanthropists and induce them into the ranks of the Order. Your progress in the past has been truly most wonderful, and feelings of conscious pride animate me when I reflect that to such a worthy association of brothers I have the honor to belong. My poor efforts shall always be devoted toward the accomplishment of what you have so often expressed, that is, the extension of the kindly offices of our Order to all parts of the civilized world, and I yet hope to live to see a Lodge of our Order planted in every city and village throughout Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand. The annual report of the G. L. of Australia, received yesterday, shows rapid progress, and if continued, there is much to be said for and against the creation of Subordinate Grand Lodges for the political divisions in Australia, under the control of a Supreme Grand Lodge, to be composed of Representatives from the former, and to have functions somewhat similar to the G. L. of U. S. I cannot, however, see how the G. L. of New Zealand can take any beneficial part in it, owing to the distance of sea that divides us from Australia. Practically we are altogether a distinct island, and call for special legislation on your part respecting our Constitution. Of course the question of a Supreme Grand Lodge for Australia assumes rather a different aspect since I wrote to you on the subject, in consequence of Lodges being lately created in South Australia and New South Wales, where none existed before. If the erection of a Supreme G. L. is at all desirable, there is certainly more material now to work upon. Before this there were only two ordinary Grand Lodges, similar in their functions to your State Grand Lodges, and then they were divided by sea as before stated.

"The number of members stated in my last address only represents the actual *financial members* (owing less than three months' dues) of Lodges that sent in their returns. If the members owing over three months' subscription, and those in Lodges that failed to send in their returns were included, we would number about 825. Our progress has not been as fast as I should like, but we are determined to push vigorously for new Lodges next term. You will be pleased to hear that a Lodge will be instituted to-day in Wellington, one of our principal cities; the petition for the same having 25 signatures. We are endeavoring to organize Lodges in the other cities along the coast, viz.: Invercargill, Auckland, Napier, and Wakitika. When this is accomplished it will be an easy matter to branch off therefrom to the interior. We have several difficulties to contend against that you do not experience. Railways are unknown, except in a few isolated cases, but this difficulty is being remedied. The Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., and other Orders are very strong throughout New Zealand, and it therefore requires herculean efforts to start our Lodges; but we do not despond, and we take advantage of every opportunity.

"We are assured that the apparent negligence to us was simply owing to a misunderstanding, and are doubly assured now of the undoubted interest the G. L. of U. S. takes in her young branches everywhere, especially in the welfare of the Australasian jurisdiction. We earnestly hope that our puny efforts respecting financial reform may be of some assistance to your Special Committee on Dues and Benefits. Next year our Grand Lodge will meet at Timaru, 100 miles away, the first occasion a session will have been held out of Dunedin."

October 30th, Bro. BRAITHWAITE says: "Brothers who take an interest in the welfare of our Order must regret that any of our Lodges should be unable to meet their engagements as promised to members upon entering. It is forced upon us, from time to time, whether we like it or not, that generally

speaking our oldest Lodges have to meet heavy sick and funeral claims, and with past experience to guide us, these claims will increase every year. Are we to let these Lodges die out by effluxion of time and so retard our genuine progress and deprive many worthy brothers of the benefits and privileges of our institution when they most require them, or are we to take time by the forelock, and promulgate a system that will tend to check these evils. These remarks have been prompted by the able reports of your Committee on Dues and Benefits, and later still by a perusal of the last annual report of the G. L. of Australia, wherein the all-important subject is brought prominently before us. Our Order can never obtain the confidence of the general public, or even its own members, so long as Lodges do not meet their engagements, and are allowed to break up through causes that can certainly be obviated in a great measure. My desire is humbly to assist our Order to become a power for *real good* on our Mother Earth, which it is eminently adapted for, therefore I beg to submit that our society possesses within itself immense machinery for inculcating *living vital principles* necessary for the eternal welfare of mankind, but we must combine the several links in such a shape as will perpetuate our glorious institution. It is undeniable that the sickness and death rates increase the older we grow; therefore to be financially sound, it is necessary to inaugurate a graduated scale of weekly contributions according to age to the *Sick and Funeral Funds only*, and apply it to all Lodges. Our Order is unable to furnish sufficient experience of sickness and mortality, but this does not excuse us from adopting the only reliable rates published, viz.: the late HENRY RATCLIFFE'S Tables.

"The close application of the system adopted by the G.L. of New Zealand, would, it appears to me, preserve intact in every Lodge the two most important funds, viz.: the Sick and Funeral, which should be kept separate, so that no one fund shall be used for the benefit of the other. After mature thought I am convinced that a *General Sick Fund* and a *General Funeral Fund* held by each State Grand Lodge on the same principle that the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand hold the Funeral Fund for the whole of the Order in each jurisdiction, would prevent the evil I have mentioned. *Unity is strength* applies to this question as well as to many others. Many of our Lodges do not invest their funds at interest, most of which belong to the Sick and Funeral Funds. Under the plan I have suggested, each Subordinate Lodge (having better facilities) would look sharply after this, and besides would always know the *exact amount* added, as well as expended on account of sickness and death in the whole of the Lodges every year, and also know what age the members were when claiming sick allowance and funeral donations, and how many weeks each person was sick, all of which it is impossible to ascertain under the present system. This information is *absolutely* essential to enable our Lodges to legislate with a view of compiling, from their own experience, correct rates of contribution."

Bro. BRAITHWAITE suggests some objections that may be urged to this measure, but thinks there will be no difficulty in inaugurating the system. On the subject of suspensions he says: "It is grievous to perceive the large number of members that drop out for N. P. D. A good cure is to adopt the principle of paying subscriptions *in advance*. One of our Lodges here has gradually increased ever since it established this plan. The general rule is to let members run on for 13 weeks, but when a few weeks more pass a member grudges (does not care, forgets, or perhaps gets indifferent) to pay $5.00 or more; whereas, if they paid one, two, or even three months in advance, the amount would not be so heavy, and invariably it would be paid; besides we have no right to expect the Lodge to *give us trust for* 13 *weeks*, for benefits and other expenses that the Lodge is liable for on our account during that time. The system is unsound. We have known Lodges to pay to members sick claims and incur other expenses for their benefit, and they never paid another penny into the Lodge, but dropped off.

"Let me congratulate the Order in America upon its immense success, and may it ever continue. It is also certainly very pleasant to read of its

great prosperity in Australia, Germany, Switzerland, England, and Holland."

In his letter of Nov. 10th he acknowledges the receipt of the P. W's, and on the subject of cards remarks: "We recognize the necessity of *uniformity* and will support any legitimate steps to effect this end. You can quite understand now that we printed our own cards in ignorance of any obligation to the contrary. We feel grateful to the G. L. of U. S. for taking such a lively interest last session in our welfare, and we shall certainly do our best to give the Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire a fraternal welcome. Our own brothers who have visited America and returned, state that we are well up in the *work*. In the letter from Bro. MEACHAM, in your Daily Journal, he does not detail what powers he conferred respecting the relations that the Grand Lodges of the United States, Australia, and New Zealand bear to each other. Remarks from him on these points would be interesting at the present time. I lately came across a volume giving a history of the Order in the U. S. from its commencement in 1821 to 1845. From a beginning of five brothers what marvelous success you have achieved, primarily through the *unprecedented* exertions of the early fathers. Many brothers of the Manchester Unity and our Order are grieved at the continued division, and believe that judicious concession on both sides, with a view to the amalgamation of the two great branches of the I. O. O. F., should be entered into, consistent with the material and moral improvement of each. Let me enjoin upon you to urge the G. L. of U. S. to put in force a sound system of dues and benefits in every Lodge, so as to enable the Order to fulfil its obligations and thereby secure the confidence of everybody. If this is accomplished our success in the future is assured."

The letters of Nov. 14th and Jan. 31st are brief, advising of the P. O. addresses of the new Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the receipt of Journals, &c.

On the 28th of February, Bro. BRAITHWAITE wrote:

"I have received a letter from Bro. MEACHAM which has given us great satisfaction. Not having heard from him since he left here, we thought he was dead. Under present circumstances I forbear to discuss the question of Charter, etc., believing that all will be settled amicably on the arrival of your Commissioner, who will then practically understand matters. Our new hall in Dunedin (a handsome structure) will be dedicated on the 23d of March next."

The letters from this office Sept. 29th and Oct. 1st transmitted the P. W's, advised that the Officers' Reports and Daily Journal had been mailed, and communicated the action of the G. L. of U. S. on matters relating to Australia and New Zealand.

On the 29th of October the receipt of an advance copy of Grand Master BRAITHWAITE'S report to the G. L. of New Zealand was acknowledged, and replying to his remarks concerning the position of the G. L. of New Zealand, a copy of the letter of Bro. MEACHAM, printed in the Daily Journal of last session, was inclosed with the remark that "you will perceive that your Grand Lodge, according to Bro. MEACHAM'S letter, has a vague and unsatisfactory history. Whether he established the Grand Lodge by virtue of the Victoria Charter, or whether he acted as Special Deputy of the G. L. of U. S., does not clearly appear, but certain it is, that he had no authority from the G. L. of U. S. to institute your Grand Lodge; nor was it ever for many years recognized, until its complaint appeared of neglect from the parent Grand Body, the G. L. of U. S., to which alone it desired to be subordinate. Thus it is extremely doubtful whether your Grand Lodge can substantiate the status in the American Order of which you boast. As I have already observed, Bro. MEACHAM, as agent of the Grand Lodge of Victoria and as Deputy of the G. L. of U. S., mystified things very much, and these errors we now desire earnestly to correct. I trust you will reconsider your views in the premises, and that your Grand Lodge will consent to organize the Order anew, beginning at first principles and establishing a Supreme Grand Lodge after you have formed four

or five Colonial Grand Lodges, which the Grand Sire will be compelled to do should he visit you in person, or authorize the D. G. Sire to do. I will not stop to discuss the questions which you raise about the expense, or want of advantage in the change of system, since the necessity of the case is all controlling, if you desire to conform to the wish of the G. L. of U. S., and to its established policy in relation to its form of government in foreign countries. I cannot fail to perceive that Odd Fellowship will be greatly improved by the change of system, and although it may require time to develop the improvement, yet it must eventually come as the certain fruit of the systematic federal union of your several Grand Lodges. We have the certain evidence of such results, wherever we have inspired our brethren in foreign countries with our views. I forbear to press the subject further, hoping that you will co-operate cordially with the G. L. of Australia, and such other Colonial Gr. Lodges as the G. L. of U. S. may authorize to consummate this desirable result."

The letter of Nov. 10th is in reply to Bro. BRAITHWAITE's of Sept. 25th and Oct. 5th; that of Jan. 5th acknowledges the receipt of letters of Oct. 24th, Oct. 30th, and Nov. 14th, principally on the subject of the new scale of dues and benefits adopted by the G. L. of New Zealand, and the views of Bro. BRAITHWAITE on the subject, remarking: "That is truly the vital question in Odd Fellowship. It is in vain that we invite membership, unless in good faith we comply with our promises, and to enable us to do so we must adopt a scientific system, by which our risks will be adequately proportioned to the dues we receive and the relative age of the members. The G. L. of U. S., as you will observe, has been pursuing this inquiry for several years, and will continue its research until sufficient data shall have been obtained to justify a proper system.

"There is a reasonable prospect that some amicable arrangement will be made between the Manchester Unity and our Order for harmony of action and intercourse, which will bring them nearer together."

The letters of Feb. 6th and 7th, addressed to JAMES MCGAW, Grand Master, advised of the shipment of a box containing the revised Charge and Degree Books, etc., in accordance with his request made to the Grand Sire; and those of Feb. 28th to Grand Master MCGAW and Gr. Sec'y WILSON, informed them of the contemplated visit of the Deputy Grand Sire. Those of 7th and 8th of March to Bro. BRAITHWAITE, acknowledged the receipt of his, dated Nov. 10th and Jan. 31st, and commended the Commissioner to the special care and attention of the brotherhood in New Zealand.

The mail of July 25th brought the following from P. G. M. BRAITHWAITE, dated Dunedin, June 20, 1878:

"D. G. Sire, Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, before leaving here, made me promise to give you the result of his visit. I now do so with pleasure, but first beg to refer to a few matters which were left undiscussed between us in view of Bro. HARMON's advent, the outcome of your various letters and reports.

"It would really appear as if the G. L. of U. S. did not fully understand the powers granted in the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia, or else if an independent and supreme continental sovereignty was meant to have been in force, why not all these years past in official communications have addressed the head officer thereof as M. W. Grand *Sire* instead of M. W. Grand *Master?* the error, if any, never having been once pointed out. Further, this Charter does not specifically confer the power to institute Subordinate (or Colonial) *Grand* Lodges. The G. L. of New Zealand has the very same powers in its Charter, and neither body of themselves can discover anything to the contrary; and it was this fact, among others, that led us to maintain that the two Grand Lodges held only the same privileges as your State Grand Lodges. both being subordinate to the G. L. of U. S. The officers of the G. L. of Australia and the G. L. of New Zealand were always titled the same as your State Grand Lodges, a fact you must have surely have been aware of. Next, the G. L. of U. S., at its last session, amongst other strictures directed against the Order in Australasia for printing their own cards, *resolved*,

'That one of the specifications in the Charter of the G. L. of Australia provides that all cards issued by that jurisdiction shall emanate from the G. L. of U. S.' We have also examined the Charter on this point and fail to see any such specification. All of us agree that Bro. MEACHAM instituted the best form of government possible under the difficulties existing when the affiliation with the I.O.O.F. took place, and it was the only system that we would conform to at that time. Our membership and Lodges have more than trebled in numbers since, both in Australia and New Zealand, which would have not been the case had our system of government *hitherto* been as is now proposed, because at the time of our affiliation with your Order we in New Zealand made it a condition before entering, that we must have an independent Grand Body and be relieved from paying any more dues to the G. L. of Victoria (or Australia), which was agreed to.

"It was the Grand Encampment of Victoria that instituted the Encampment here through our Bro. WHEELER, who went over to Melbourne, Victoria, for that purpose. The G. L. of New Zealand only lent the money necessary for its organization, and this is all the jurisdiction our G. L. has over the Encampment. On review of the foregoing comments we have fair grounds to think that the brothers in Australasia have been 'more sinned against than sinning,' and that Bro. MEACHAM has received very litt'e praise, as far as we have seen, for what he *practically* accomplished. These remarks are made with all due deference to your worthy self and the G. L. of U. S., and in the absence of a knowledge of the records contained in your Journal when the affiliation was effected, which reports we have not seen yet.

"The circumstances upon which our arguments were chiefly based in letter of May 30, 1877, when opposing the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of our Colonies, have materially changed *since* that letter was written, simply from the fact that Lodges have rapidly sprung into being in the other Colonies where our Order did not exist before. There being now much more material to form such a Grand Body out of than existed hitherto, and thus our greatest objection thereto having been providentially removed, we resigned all minor considerations and past extraneous matters for the purpose of discussing the main question on its merits, and after two nights' debate the Grand Lodge of New Zealand *unanimously* decided to become an integral part of a Grand Lodge for *Australasia*. I was glad for the sake of the trouble and expense that the G. L. of U. S. had gone to, that we were enabled to approach the matter more favorably than when at first presented, because had the Order existed only in Victoria and New Zealand, as has been the case all along until lately, I feel certain that the main object of Bro. HARMON's mission would have failed.

"Our distinguished visitor arrived at Auckland, N. Z., on the 9th ult., and visited all the Lodges directly on his line of route, at Wellington, Christchurch, Temuka, Timaru, Oamaru, and Dunedin, being by far a majority of the Lodges. Bro. HARMON's time being limited, and the other Lodges being somewhat out of the road, they could not be visited. He initiated a large number of candidates in the various Lodges and exemplified the whole work of the Order. I met him at Christchurch, 250 miles from here, on behalf of our Grand Lodge. At every place where he visited our brethren turned out strong, and in every instance feted him with banquets and other appropriate celebrations. Both inside and outside the Lodge-room our welcome visitor gave spirited addresses, all of which were enthusiastically received; in fact, we have had him at Odd Fellowship every night since he arrived in New Zealand. The last Lodge meeting in Dunedin was attended by over 80 members, when he initiated one of our principal clergymen (the first one initiated in the Order in New Zealand). The Encampment work was afterward gone through, and I was glad to see that we had the whole of the *work* nearly perfect. I forbear to say anything as to the receptions individually and collectively that were extended to our worthy visitor, preferring to leave Bro. HARMON to speak for himself. We feel extremely grateful to the G. L. of U. S. for sending, and to Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. HARMON, for coming to us, and

feel assured that it will be pleasurable and profitable to all concerned. His visit has aroused the latent energies of the whole brotherhood, the outcome of which will be the propagation of our Order, and a corresponding extension of its usefulness in places where its influence was hitherto unknown. Time only permits me to give a very brief sketch, no doubt Bro. HARMON will report more fully. Our visitor left for Melbourne on June 3d, accompanied to the place of departure by a large number of brothers, all of whom heartily wished him safe restoration to his family and brother Odd Fellows in America. Please consider this letter as a reply to all your communications to me which remain unanswered."

This letter was acknowledged August 1st, as follows:

"To you, who are so earnest a devotee to American Odd Fellowship, and so zealous and intelligent an advocate of whatever is abstractly right, I need not say a word, or utter a sentiment, expressive of my profound delight and gratification of the advent of Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, the distinguished Special Commissioner of the G. L. of U. S. to the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia. May the seed that has thus been cast upon this willing and fertile furrow in your country by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., through our instrumentality, lead by your valuable agency to the union of our beloved Order, and its consolidation throughout the globe. This sentiment had its lodgment in my heart ever since I was born into the Order (1829), and although I may not survive to witness its consummation, you and Bro. HARMON are among the enlightened descendants of the American and English races that more than probably will live to greet so grand an era.

"It is my great pleasure to acknowledge your very interesting favor of June 20th, dated at Dunedin, Otago, N. Z. It will be presented formally to the Grand Lodge of the United States in my annual report at the session in September next, and will be honored by that Grand Body with the most cordial respect and gratification. So momentous and long desired a consummation as the harmonious union of the Order in the two hemispheres through its instrumentality will long be hailed with joy by the American Order, and will doubtless lead to results, in behalf of mankind, which cannot now be adequately estimated. I give you sincere thanks for your active co-operation with Bro. HARMON in the diplomacy which produced this glorious result. God be praised."

The Journal of the "Fifteenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, held at Dunedin, Sept. 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, Oct. 2, 4, 31, Nov. 2, 1877," was duly received. The report of Grand Master BRAITHWAITE states the amount to the credit of the General Funeral Fund, $5.240.00; General Management Fund, $250.00; stock on hand, $250.00; total, $5,740.00. Number of Lodges, 17; benefit members owing less than three months' dues, 515; amount expended for funerals, $475.00; for sickness as returned by 8 Lodges, $497.50; total relief, $972.50; aggregate value of Lodge funds exclusive of property, regalia, etc., returned by 9 Lodges, $11,795.00. The Grand Master named six delinquent Lodges that failed to make returns, and stated the amount due by Subordinate Lodges to be $1,063.00, saying: "It will be your duty to initiate steps at once to alter this pernicious system of neglect. The members belonging to the Lodges in arrears for dues must surely know that if any of them or their wives die the Grand Lodge can refuse to pay their funeral claims. This neglect (mainly the Secretaries') is the bane of our society, and it is impossible through this cause, to ascertain truly how the Order stands. It is provoking to complain of this matter every session, but the evil is increasing, and at all costs it should be dealt with without further leniency. Green Island Lodge was instituted Oct. 6, 1877, and has now a membership of 24, and the Avon Lodge, Christchurch, Dec. 4, 1876, now numbering 36. During the session a telegram was received advising of the institution of the Southern Cross Lodge. Sundry amendments to the Constitution of the G. L. were proposed, to authorize the establishment of Subordinate Grand Lodges in the Provinces of New Zealand, and when six such

Lodges are established, the G. L. of New Zealand to become the supreme tribunal in New Zealand." The tables of "income" and "expenditures" embrace ten columns under each head, showing the various sources of receipts and objects of payment. Another table contains forty-four items which Subordinates are required to report. Twenty-three pages of the book are appropriated to correspondence; the several letters addressed to this office with the replies, appear in full.

BARBADOS.—At the last session it was recommended "that the proper Grand Officers continue the correspondence with a view of establishing a Lodge" at Bridgeton. Under these circumstances I present such portions of the communications that have been received and transmitted during the year.

On the 26th of September, the following, dated August 22, 1877, was received from E. ISAAC BAEZA:

"By the 'Victoria' this morning for New York, I hastily wrote you a few lines serving to cover petition from myself and four others (including Bro. R. J. CLINCKETT) to the G. L. of U. S., asking them to take into consideration the impracticability of any one of us being now enabled to go to your city to receive instructions in the principles of the Order, or rather working of the Order, and grant us a concession like that granted to the brethren in Australia, as you advised of. This petition we forward under the suggestions in your letter to Bro. CLINCKETT in February last, and we trust that the Representatives will see the inconvenience we would be subjected to for either of us to proceed to your city to receive the necessary instructions, besides the enormous expense of traveling from these parts it would entail, and grant us the desired permission. We see no other way to do this, and we depend upon your explanation to the Grand Lodge of the situation we are in, and using your influence toward the consummation of an object from which great good must be derived.

"The certificate forwarded from the Lodge to which we belong will be of itself a sufficient guaranty of our good intentions and motives, and we thought it advisable to obtain the same, so that the members of the Grand Lodge could see into whose hands they were placing the Order."

This letter was answered Sept. 28th, advising: "You will perceive from the Journal sent to you, that the petition was presented by the G. C. and R. Secretary, referred to the Committee on Petitions, and duly reported on. We, the Grand Officers, as the report sets forth, although quite anxious to inaugurate the system of admitting Lodges of the Manchester Unity *bodily* into our Order when satisfactorily vouched for, in view of the advantages it would afford the two Orders, in the way of reforming the one, and of elevating its morale, and of propagating the other all over the world, a desideratum greatly to be sought for, in my judgment, are powerless in the premises at present. Nevertheless, if your patience will endure a few months longer, I believe the present status of the business is quite favorable for the ultimate success of the proposed measure. You will observe 'that the proper Grand Officers are directed to continue the correspondence,' etc., which means the M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand C. and R. Secretary, who, I believe, favor the introduction of American Odd Fellowship, in the way you propose, to Barbados. The Grand Secretary recommended it in his report and the Committee on Foreign Relations did not object. The only question now is, how can we get to you a proper Odd Fellow to instruct you in our ritual and system, and inaugurate you so as to enable you intelligently to act with us as a Lodge? We are not authorized to expend any money for the purpose. We have many zealous brothers who would go if their expenses were paid, and establish you upon a firm base. If you can do anything in this direction, I think the work might be accomplished during the year. There are a good many Odd Fellows who are sea captains, in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other commercial cities, trading to your place. Among them you might make inquiry, and doubtless successfully. I write without an opportunity of conference with the Grand Sire, but will send this to him as

a 'continuance of correspondence' authorized by the G. L. of U. S. I shall request him, should he concur in my views, to write to you on the subject."

The mail of November 8th brought a letter from Bro. BAEZA, dated Oct. 20th, in which, referring to a letter from this office of Sept. 13th, acknowledging receipt of the petition forwarded, he said: "You are in error in saying we wish to come under your jurisdiction intact as a Lodge of Odd Fellows. It is only as members of Amity Lodge we wish to, but we have no doubt that (with one or two exceptions) all the members of Amity will join the new Lodge, but will still remain as members of the former."

Inclosed in this letter was a slip from the *Barbados Globe* of Oct. 1, 1877, giving an "extract from the financial portion of the Auditor's Report on the accounts and affairs of the 'Amity Lodge' of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, friendly society, in this city for the half year ending June, 1877." It appears the Lodge had been in existence 18 months, the membership was 25. It had received during that time, $317.78, and disbursed for sickness, $32.58; expenses, $39.80; total, $72.38, having $245.40 on hand.

On the 9th of November a reply was transmitted, from which I quote:

"From your letter I am informed that I made a mistake in saying that you wished to come under our jurisdiction *intact* as a Lodge of Odd Fellows. That is all the better, as error, for it will avoid complication. As you have been advised, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are favorably disposed to the object, and only await the proper facilities and order of procedure. I fear, however, the fact that the said officers having charge of a pending proposition for the reciprocal visitation and fraternal intercommunion between the Lodges of the M. U. and our Order throughout the world, submitted to our last session by the G. M. and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity at the instance of the Grand Annual Movable Committee of England, may interpose some delay in your particular case. If, however, any opportunity should present itself to any of you, or any other eligible and intelligent citizen of your vicinity, to visit the United States and become a member of our Order and receive the several degrees, I think the Grand Sire would authorize any Lodge in the United States, with the consent of the local authorities, to perform the ceremony. Trusting you will facilitate such a procedure if practicable, I remark that inquiries are made from our Canada jurisdictions for Lodges of our Order in Nassau and other places in the British West Indies."

On the 26th of January, Bro. BAEZA's letter of January 1st reached this office. He apologizes for delay in answering the letters of Sept. 28th and Nov. 9th, on account of severe illness which confined him to his house for five weeks, and says: "Bro. CLINCKETT and myself have fully perused your letters, and we are glad to learn there is not so much difficulty. We, however, cannot see our way toward the consummation of so much desired an object as to come within your requirements. Captain SANDERS, who was in command of the 'Victoria,' owned by Messrs. H. TROWBRIDGE & SONS, of New Haven, a regular trader here, is a member of your Order, but he is not now in command of that vessel. It is true there are scores of captains coming this way who are members of your Order, but we are unfortunately unable to know of it until too late to act, whilst if they were regular traders to this port it would be quite easy for us to make all arrangements for accomplishing the object in view. Bro. CLINCKETT, the other petitioners and myself are quite agreed that at this time we cannot see any chance to accomplish our wishes, and must therefore wait until you are authorized to do by us as by Australia—send us the ritual and cipher to go by, institute a Lodge, and afterward get instruction in the higher branches from members of your Order who come here from time to time, or when one of our members may find it convenient to pay a visit to your country. Meanwhile we accept with pleasure the resolution passed authorizing a continuation of a correspondence, which I shall be happy to carry into effect.

"We observe your remarks respecting the proposed fraternal intercommunion between the M. Unity and your Order. It may be desired on some

grounds, but as a practical thing I cannot see how it can be acted on. I am almost sure that no decision which will be liked by the Manchester Unity will be arrived at. I, of course, say this with all deference, but I am led to this opinion on looking at the past relative positions of the two Orders and their present working.

"I trust that speedily some arrangements may be concluded to effect our object."

The letter was duly acknowledged, saying: "We regret that we find no opportunity of accomplishing your and our wishes with regard to the establishment of our Order in Barbados. We hope to learn of some member going from here or New York, through whose instrumentality a Lodge could be instituted, but have been disappointed. We do not, however, despair, as we think some means will yet be found to organize the Order on your island." He was also advised of his error concerning Australia, the Order having been introduced into that country by a qualified and specially commissioned officer.

The last letter from Bro. BAEZA, dated March 20th, reached this office April 17th, and refers principally to his non-receipt of packages of Journals mailed from this office in November and February. On the special subject of correspondence he wrote: "By this vessel a younger brother of mine leaves for the United States in search of some more lucrative employment then the position he recently held. Should he fail in obtaining such, he will be returning within three months, and an opportunity may thus present itself to accomplish our mutual object. I have requested him to communicate with you if he is about to return, so that we may not lose this chance. He is a member of the 'Amity Lodge' here. I have given him letters of introduction to yourself and Bro. Ross, which will speak for themselves. I presume that if he is initiated for the purpose of bringing out the necessary instruments of organization no charge will be demanded for such initiation, and that if he is in any other city than your own you will make the necessary arrangements to have him duly initiated."

A reply was sent on the 11th of May, stating: "We think an arrangement such as you suggest, for the initiation of your brother, can be made. It will, though, depend somewhat on circumstances. If in Baltimore or Philadelphia there will probably be no difficulty in meeting your wishes."

On the 15th of June a letter was received from I. L. BAEZA, dated 231 North 12th Street, Philadelphia, 14th of June, 1878, inclosing a letter of introduction from E. ISAAC BAEZA, the brother thinking it doubtful about his being able to visit Baltimore.

A letter from Bro. BAEZA, dated July 27th, was received August 10th, while this report was in the hands of the printer, from which I extract as follows: "I learn there is at St. Thomas a gentleman purporting to be a Commissioner from your Grand Lodge endeavoring to establish a Lodge there. Is this so? I, however, hardly think so, as a gentleman writing from that island says the man has got into very *undesirable* company, associating himself with individuals who could hardly be expected to respect the Order as it should be."

CHILE.—The correspondence with this jurisdiction has been quite limited. Since the letter of Grand Secretary Cox, which appears on pages 7278-9, Journal of 1877, in which a further letter was promised by "an early steamer," only one letter has been received, and that came on the 7th of January, from Bro. GEORGE S. BROWN, D. D. Grand Sire, dated Nov. 30, 1877. He wrote: "I am very sorry that I cannot report that progress in our Order which I could wish. We are now in the midst of a commercial crisis, and business of all kinds is at a stand still. Recently the bank of D. Thomas, in which was deposited the larger part of our funds, failed, and the loss to the Order was some $7,000.00, of which I think we may recover about forty per cent. This and the very dull times combined will retard in a measure the growth of the Order for some time, although in the Chilian Lodges initiations are frequent.

"The Encampment branch does not seem to thrive at present, but I cherish the hope that when business revives all branches of our Order will again flourish. One thing is very certain, Odd Fellowship is planted forever in this country and there are plenty of good men who will work for its progress. I hope in my report in January to have better news to communicate."

Letters were written from this office as follows:

To W. J. Cox, G. Sec'y, Sept. 27, 1877, advising that the papers transmitted by him were presented to the Grand Lodge and of the action had thereon. Dec. 29th, to the same, advising of shipment of Revised Journal for 1877, etc. Jan. 8, 1878, to GEO. S. BROWN, D. D. G. Sire, in reply to his letter of Nov. 30, 1877, expressing regret that the Order in Chile had met with such a heavy loss of funds, and the general depression in business. June 7th, to the same, advising: "We have been anxiously looking for the report of the Grand Lodge of Chile for 1877; also for the report of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1," and requesting, in case the reports have been forwarded, that he would send duplicates.

We are unable to account for such silence on the part of the authorities in Chile, where heretofore they have been noted for extraordinary promptness in their correspondence and transmission of reports.

DENMARK.—On the 17th of April a petition was transmitted by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire,
Mr. J. C. PRAETORIUS, Hannover:

The undersigned, two of whom are Past Grands, and whose Withdrawal Cards are herewith inclosed, and the remaining three who are not attached to the Order, but acquainted with its principles, consider it will be conducive to the interest of the Order to institute a Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in this city, and respectfully request that you will grant authority for the institution thereof.

As it will require both time and money for a regular initiation of the three undersigned who are not connected with the Order, we beg for a dispensation empowering an informal initiation of the three indicated, and pray that you may grant all such powers as will enable us to work under the jurisdiction of the German Empire; and we inform you that the Lodge, which designs working in the German language, will be opened under the name of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, of Denmark.

Dated at Copenhagen, 21st March, 1878.

JULIUS MEYER,
Past Grand of Andrew Johnson Lodge, No. 433, *New York City.*
ANDREW HOLCK,
Past Grand of Naomi Lodge, No. 117, *Pomeroy, Ohio.*
CHR. SOELING,
P. G. OSTERLY,
LUDWIG MEYER.

A few days subsequently, and before the necessary papers were transmitted, a letter from F. MEYENDORF, G. Secretary, dated Berlin, March 26th, advised: "I have discovered that besides the petitioners there are three Odd Fellows who have neither Withdrawal Cards nor Certificates from the Lodges to which they were attached. I have, therefore, undertaken through you to secure for them the proper credentials. According to reliable information they are men of marked respectability, who will exert themselves zealously in our cause. They are prepared to settle any dues that may be standing against them and forward as directed. They all request an expeditious transmission of their Withdrawal Cards that they may be enabled to join the Lodge in Copenhagen. The names of these brothers are: S. HOFFMEYER, P. G., of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Lahaina, formerly Danish Consul to the Sandwich Islands; C. TRATZ, 5th degree, Sumner Lodge, No. 180, Jersey City,

New Jersey, now in Copenhagen, str. Kougensgade 21; JOHN RATH, initiatory, Omaha Lodge, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska, formerly Danish Consul there, now in Copenhagen, Hyharn 13."

The necessary steps were at once taken to procure the cards, and prompt responses were received from Sumner and Omaha Lodges. Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Sandwich Islands, being defunct, and having been under the immediate jurisdiction of the G. L. of U. S., Bro. HOFFMEYER's certificate was prepared at this office. The proper papers authorizing the institution of the Lodge were forwarded May 23d to Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire, Hannover, Germany, and reached their destination in due time, as Bro. MEYENDORF advised in letter dated Berlin, June 13, 1878. A letter of Bro. CHARLES TRATZ, one of the petitioners, dated Copenhagen, July 12th, addressed to the Assistant Grand Secretary, was received July 31st, and advised of the institution of the Lodge. The following extract is presented, believing that it will doubtless interest the brotherhood:

"Your highly esteemed letter of May 23d was received in due time, and to-day I take great pleasure in informing you that the first Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in this country, under the name of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, was instituted on the 29th of June by Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, assisted by G. Secretary MEYENDORF and a delegation from the Lodge of Hamburg. Of course, we are not yet in full working order, but we hold our meetings regularly, and have very fair prospects of success. As with all young Lodges, we are 'hard up for cash,' as the expense of establishing has been nearly $1,100.00, and we number about 35 members only. We hope to receive some money by the admission of new members, but the heavy expense of procuring By-Laws, receipts, cards, etc., have to be met now, and we should be glad to have some pecuniary assistance, if possible, from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"I am greatly obliged to Bro. W. W. LAWRENCE, D. D. G. Master, of New Jersey, for his kind words concerning me, and I beg to assure him and all my dear friends and brothers that I shall always work with a good will for our noble cause.

"We had a very pleasant time at the institution, having a grand dinner got up in the finest style, with decorations of flowers, etc., and a full band of music playing.

"We shall be very glad to meet with brothers from the U. S., and as every summer some of them visit our city, you will oblige me by giving publicity to the fact that Denmark Lodge, No. 1, meets Wednesday evenings, at Oestergade 15, and that ANDREW HOLCK, N. G., resides at Fredriksberg Alle 21, JUST M. CAEN, our Conductor, at Amagerton 27, and my address is Str. Kongersgade No. 21, Copenhagen. We all speak English, as does our worthy Secretary, Bro. JOHN RATH, Nyhair 13, and many of our members.

"The press has mentioned us in very complimentary terms, but I fear that our Masonic brethren do not look upon us in the friendly and kind manner that we should like. The Jews are not admitted to membership in Masonic Lodges here; if they belong to Lodges in foreign countries, of course, they can visit, but that is all. We admit them to membership, of course, if there are no other objections than their religion, and we have already received some of the very best of this class of people. Denmark, politically, has nearly as free a Constitution as the United States, and all systems of religion have equal rights in this country.

"If the G. L. of U. S. can aid us, it will be a great step to the advancement of the Order here. I shall feel much obliged for information on any matters relating to our beloved Order, and you may be assured that I will do all in my power to promote its interest."

The mail of August 5, 1878, brought letters from the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, relating to the institution of Denmark Lodge, No. 1. The Grand Sire, July 16th, wrote:

"In compliance with the honored commission vested in me, and referring

to the communication directed to you by the Grand Secretary, Bro. MEYENDORF, I have the honor to submit the following report:

"Assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. MEYENDORF, and two brothers from Hamburgh, I instituted Denmark Lodge, No. 1, of Denmark, on the 29th of June. On the 30th the hall was dedicated, candidates initiated, the different degrees conferred, and the necessary instructions pertaining thereto given. You will please find in the annexed report the names of the elective and appointed officers.

"Although it was previously proposed that Denmark Lodge, No. 1, should work in the German language, I am of the opinion, after fully considering the question in all its bearings, that it is not only in the interest of our Order, but also absolutely necessary to do the work in the Danish tongue, to give an opportunity to the whole of the members to participate in the proceedings.

"As the demand in this case was urgent, and presupposing that my action would be sanctioned by the G. L. of U. S., I have authorized Bro. HOLCK to translate the text of the regular work (opening of the Lodge, duties of officers, etc.), and also to keep the minutes and records in the Danish language.

"You will be pleased to sanction these acts, being the necessary result of existing circumstances. You will please also to notify me if the documents and books of our Order are already printed in the Danish language. In the latter case you will be kind enough to transmit them without delay, to PASTOR A. HOLCK, Fredericksborg Allee 21, Copenhagen.

"I am also charged by the brothers to request that more time be given for deliberation whether to place their Lodge under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of G. E. or the G. L. of U. S.

"I venture the prediction, that with the foundation laid by Denmark Lodge, No. 1, of Denmark, a grand future for the Order will be inaugurated. Its members are both capable and enthusiastic, and I hope that the banner of our beloved Order will soon float over all Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, and that noble-minded men will clasp their hands in brotherly love.

"I would respectfully suggest that the Lodge should be partially reimbursed for the outlay in the installation of officers, dedication of the hall, etc. I should think that $100 would be sufficient, and I would recommend the granting of this sum on the part of the G. L. of U. S., and that I be authorized to transmit this sum to Denmark Lodge, No. 1, of Denmark. In the interest of the Order I can safely assert that this amount could not be donated for a better purpose.

"I hereby return documents transmitted to me on the 22d of May to be filled out, and in conclusion, would respectfully ask that my suggestions may be duly considered and acted upon, my sole motive being the welfare and interest of our beloved Order."

The following is from Bro. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, dated July 16th:

"You will be in possession of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire of the G. L. of G. E., and the special communication of the S. D. Grand Sire for Denmark Lodge, No. 1, both represented by Bro. PRAETORIUS, notifying you of the institution of that Lodge.

"Having had the honor to be instrumental in the founding of the same, I have now had the pleasure to become personally acquainted with the brothers in Copenhagen, and I may here state that their work promises well for the future, and that soon it will be allied to a number of other Lodges in the North.

"My connection with this Lodge, directly as well as officially, would necessarily cease for the present, being under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of U. S., but there remain some little arrangements to be settled which have been made under the supposition that eventually the Northern Lodges would come under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of G. E. In relation to these matters, I refer to my letter of May 31st, and respectfully request an answer to my inquiries contained therein; also to inform me what your charges will

be for Charter and books, and whether these are to be transmitted directly to the parties, or through my office.

"As I have already reported in my last-named letter, the brothers of Copenhagen have paid me 60 marks, according to the Constitution of the G. L. of G. E., and I have provided them accordingly with working books, I have also provided them with a copy of the transactions of the G. L. of U. S. of the years 1873 to 1877 inclusive, to serve as a nucleus for a library. The brothers would feel greatly obliged to you if you would be pleased to transmit to them from your stock on hand the Proceedings of past years. It is essential that Denmark Lodge, No. 1, of Denmark, should receive forthwith a copy of the Constitution of the Subordinate Lodges of the G. L. of U. S., so as to be able to frame its By-Laws. Be kind enough to transmit the document directly to Copenhagen. The three Withdrawal Cards have not been received as yet, either by me, the M. W. Grand Sire Bro. PRAETORIUS, or the brothers in Copenhagen; but as you have advised me of the transmission of the cards by letter, I have, notwithstanding their non-arrival, proceeded with the institution of the Lodge.

"After having transacted all the routine business, it only remains for me to express to you my most sincere wishes for the welfare of our beloved Order."

GERMANY.—As heretofore, the correspondence with Bro. F. MEYENDORF, R. W. Grand Secretary, has been of the most friendly character, and highly satisfactory. The letters have been transmitted with the promptness which has in the past characterized the intercourse of the officers of the two Grand Bodies. Such portions of the letters received and sent as are of special interest are herewith submitted.

The letter of September 29th to Grand Secretary MEYENDORF acknowledged the receipt of his communications of July 30th and August 29, 1877, and recited the action of the G. L. of U. S. on the subjects presented, viz.: the permission asked to print their own supplies, and the right to authorize Subordinates to suspend the payment of benefits. The G. Secretary was informed that "the first and second resolutions on page 7459 were indefinitely postponed (p. 7504), for the reason that your Grand Lodge has the constitutional power to act in the premises, and the third resolution (p. 7460) authorizing supplies to be sold to the G. L. of the German Empire at cost was adopted. You now have the whole subject of benefits in your own power, and I trust will soon be able to place yourselves beyond the penalties prescribed in Section 29, Trespasses, of the laws of your country. There is the most liberal and generous feeling in our Grand Lodge toward the G. L. of G. E., and no reasonable request would for one moment have been interfered with, but it was considered too perilous to venture in the direction indicated. From my experience in the matter of printing our supplies, I think you will soon congratulate yourselves that you can purchase them at *cost*, and have no trouble or expense in printing them."

On the 29th of September Bro. MEYENDORF's letter of September 12th was received, acknowledging receipt of letter from this office of August 24th, and transmitting extracts from German newspapers concerning "a merchant named BRY, represented to be an Odd Fellow, who some weeks ago was accidentally killed. The affair sounds somewhat improbable, but being constantly interrogated in regard to it, I venture to ask whether you know anything about it, in which case I would thank you to give me some information." The publication of August 29th states the manner of accident and refers to "the truly munificent manner in which the American Grand Lodge relieves the families of deceased brethren," etc. The issue of August 30th states that the Lodge referred to "belongs to the Order of Odd Fellows, which has its domicile in America, and is simply a relief association," etc., and the notice of September 4th says: "Reports have reached us about the nature of that society, its aims and its organization, which are in direct contradiction to each other, and we therefore refrain from giving them, not being in a position to decide between them." This

was answered October 6th, regretting our inability to furnish any information on the subject, and on the 11th of October we returned to the Grand Secretary the papers in the case of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER. October 19th the letter of the G. Secretary of September 30th, advising of the transmission of 28 copies of Journal of the G. L. of G. E., was acknowledged, and the same day the P. W's were sent to Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. G. Sire, saying: "In performing this agreeable duty, allow me to call to your attention especially the necessity and importance of causing the information to be made known to the Subordinates in your jurisdiction, that the P. W's are positively in force on and after January 1, 1878. I dwell upon this point for the reason which will appear by the accompanying papers of complaint to this office."

The mail of November 21st brought a letter from Bro. MEYENDORF, dated October 30th, in which he wrote: "I regret the necessity of returning to you once more the appeal of Bro. Dr. HAUSLEUTNER. We did not intend to evade the regular course of appealing, but the address of the G. Master of Illinois is not known to me. Please forward the papers to the proper party and favor me in due time with further communications on the subject.

"The charge books I ordered, I suppose are printed in accordance with our new German translation. We return our sincere thanks for the privilege of purchasing supplies at cost, a favor we did not expect, and did not even hope for. I agree with you that such arrangement is more to our advantage than would be the publishing of the same in Germany, as it would require more capital than the small demand would warrant."

The appeal papers were forwarded, December 6th, to JOHN LAKE, M. W. G. Master, Rockford, Illinois, who on the 8th of December acknowledged the receipt of the same, saying: "I will give the matter immediate attention, and advise you of the result as soon as the facts are ascertained," and on the 13th of February, 1878, they again reached this office, and were immediately forwarded to Bro. MEYENDORF.

Bro. MEYENDORF was informed December 7th of the disposition of the papers, and that "the charge books are printed according to our own text, the G. Lodge not having authorized any change as yet. It will be necessary, as you will readily understand, that the translation made in Germany shall be critically examined by competent parties and be approved by the G. L. of U. S., before it can be printed. I regret exceedingly that the late hour of the session at which the translation was received (as you will perceive at page 7511, Journal), rendered it impossible to give to that subject the proper attention. No power exists under these unfortunate circumstances anywhere to intervene, until the next Annual Session.

"I am happy to know that you agree with me in the reasoning employed to sustain the recommendation to the G. L. of U. S. on the subject of furnishing to your Grand Lodge supplies at cost."

On the 24th of November a letter was received from J. C. PRAETORIUS, M.W. Grand Sire, dated Hannover, November 1, 1877, acknowledging receipt of the P. W's sent to him October 19th, and saying: "I will endeavor, to the best of my ability, to further the interest of our beloved Order, and will make every effort to gain for it that position in Germany which it is truly and fully entitled to by virtue of its intrinsic excellence, and hope that Heaven may prosper it.

"I notice the complaint from Virginia, and will take care to have the A. T. P. W. communicated to the Subordinates in due time."

The above was duly acknowledged on the 7th of December.

November 28th a letter from the G. Secretary, dated November 10th, requesting a Withdrawal Card for SIMON MUELLER, of Farragut Lodge, No. 265, was received and acknowledged, and December 21st the G. Secretary was advised of the shipment of 10 German Digests and 51 copies of Revised Journal of 1877.

A letter of Bro. MEYENDORF, dated December 12th, reached this office on the 29th of the same month, advising of the receipt of charge books, etc.,

per his order of August 29th. He also wrote: "On the 18th of November a new chapter in the history of Odd Fellowship was begun, as we then dedicated to the principles of humanity the beautiful hall erected on our own ground for Lodge purposes. Although in the present depressing state of business it was particularly difficult to accomplish an undertaking that involved an outlay of 320,000 marks ($80,000), the possession of such a building is the more agreeable, and we all hope that the enterprise may serve to elevate and increase our beloved Order. Even now, after so short a time since its occupancy, an additional and gratifying activity pervades the new hall."

On the 1st of January, 1878, the letter was answered as follows:

"I am rejoiced to learn that our brethren of Berlin have dedicated their new Odd Fellows' Hall, which enterprise, in view of the present commercial depression and scarcity of money, is a great success. Henceforth they may congratulate themselves at having provided 'a local habitation and home' for our beloved Order in that great city. It was a wise measure on their part, and will at once elevate the Order in public sentiment, as well as greatly promote its business facilities and comforts."

From a letter of January 22d, received February 13, 1878, I extract the following:

"I make use of this opportunity to send a circular of Wildey Lodge, No. 21, Texas, through the G. Lodge of Texas, which has been transmitted to the G. Lodges of Hannover and Württemberg, and handed to the Grand Sire of the G. L. of G. E. for further authority. In view of the fact that the Lodges of Germany have been recently instituted, they are not so financially situated as to be able to render the assistance requested. Besides, we have in Germany many Lodges that need help, and it was therefore deemed inexpedient to recommend the Lodges to aid Wildey Lodge, No. 21, in rebuilding their hall. We sympathize with the Lodge on account of the heavy loss, yet I am compelled to inform them through the G. Lodge of Texas that it is impossible to obtain any assistance from the Lodges in Germany."

G. Secretary MEYENDORF was immediately informed of the reception of the letter, and the transmission of its contents to the G. Master of the G. Lodge of Texas. He was also advised that "the papers this day received from the G. Master of the G. Lodge of Illinois, viz.: Appeal of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER; Copy of letter from JOHN LAKE, G. Master; Letter of Eclipse Lodge, No. 404, Illinois, to G. Master LAKE; and letter of AMOS HENDERSON, P. G. M., to G. Master LAKE, are inclosed herein."

On the 2d of April the Dismissal Certificate issued by Farragut Lodge, No. 265, New York, to Bro. SIMON MUELLER, was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

On the 1st of May the following was sent to Bro. J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire, Hannover, Germany:

"I inclose a letter from Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, authorizing the institution of a Lodge at Copenhagen, Denmark. The necessary papers are prepared and await the cards from Omaha, Nebraska (JOHN RATH), and Jersey City, New Jersey (CHARLES TRATZ), which have been applied for. The card for S. HOFFMEYER will be issued from this office, Pacific Lodge, No. 2, at Lahaina, Sandwich Islands, having surrendered its Charter several years ago. You will have *five* petitioners holding Withdrawal Cards and Certificates, a number sufficient to institute a Lodge without 'making' Odd Fellows for the purpose. I will send the documents as soon as possible, and ask you to procure the 2 Charge, 2 Degree, and 2 Rebekah Degree Books (German) from G. Secretary MEYENDORF, and we will replace them in first shipment to him from this office."

On the 23d of May he was advised:

"Some delay has occurred to prevent the transmission of the documents required to institute Denmark Lodge, No. 1, at Copenhagen, until now. I mail with this a petition to be signed by the applicants for initiation for the purpose of organizing a Lodge; commission authorizing the Special Deputy to initiate and confer the degrees; petition to be signed by the applicants

for the Lodge; commission authorizing the institution of the Lodge; petition for the Lodge to be placed under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of the German Empire to be signed by the N. G. and Secretary (or all the members) after the Lodge is organized, attested by the seal (if they have one), and a Charter in blank. All of these documents please have properly filled and, with the exception of the Charter, return to this office as soon as possible."

On the same day a letter was addressed to Bro. F. MEYENDORF, G. Secretary, in reply to his communication of March 26th (noted under "Denmark"), advising him of success in obtaining the cards requested, the transmission to G. Sire PRAETORIUS of all documents required to institute Denmark Lodge, and requesting him to "send as soon as convenient a statement of the condition of the Order in the German Empire, January 1, 1878, for publication in the report of the Grand Secretary."

The following extract from a letter of Bro. MEYENDORF, dated May 31st, which was received June 15th, is published as requested to correct an error in the pamphlet report of the Grand Sire of the German Empire from which the translation was made.

"In the printed Proceedings of the R. W. G. L. of U. S., of the session of 1877, page 7513, Schiller Lodge, No. 3, in Stuttgart, is recorded as having surrendered its Charter. This is an error, doubtless caused by the report to the Representatives in the G. L. of G. E., of the then Grand Sire, Bro. ELSASSER, and embodied in the proceedings of the G. L. of U. S. It was not Schiller Lodge, No. 3, in Stuttgart, but Liebig Lodge, No. 3, in Munchen, that surrendered its Charter. This is properly stated in the report of the G. Sire, as printed in the Journal of the G. Lodge of the German Empire. At the request of Schiller Lodge, No. 3, I request that you will make the proper correction in your Proceedings.

"I also request, as Denmark Lodge, No. 1, is to be instituted by the authority of the G. L. of U. S., information as to the transmission of the fee for the Charter and books, and what amount will be required. They have been notified that they will have to pay other fees, and I hereby advise you that the customary fee of 60 marks ($15.00) has been received by me from the parties concerned. On account of the limited time, I will supply them with books from the supply I have on hand; that is, sell them without making any special claim on you for their restitution. I acknowledge the receipt of the card for Bro. MUELLER."

The following, also from the G. Secretary, dated June 13th, was received June 29th:

"In acknowledging the receipt of yours of May 23d, I take the opportunity of expressing my warmest thanks for the prompt dispatch of the favors requested, as advised by Bro. Ross, Assistant G. Secretary. The formation of the Lodge at Copenhagen is progressing, and in a very short time we shall be able, through the documents transmitted by you to our M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. PRAETORIUS, to undertake the institution. The G. Sire is of opinion, that, as there are few Odd Fellows in Copenhagen, and they anticipate having fifty candidates, it will be necessary for some brother to accompany him from Germany to assist in the ceremonies. As it is provided by the law in Section 1244, Digest, that all traveling expenses must be paid by the Lodge to be instituted, a very heavy burden will be laid upon the shoulders of this young Lodge, in defraying the expenses of the two officers for this long journey. In view of the fact that the G. L. of the German Empire is at the present time so financially situated that it not only has no funds on hand, but must even carry on its labors with a deficit, I take the liberty of requesting that the G. L. of U. S. kindly reimburse Denmark Lodge for the traveling expenses incurred in the institution.

"I am this day authorized by the M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. PRAETORIUS, to mention a matter, which, in the interest of our Order here and abroad, should elicit a free conference and interchange of opinions. Frequently, but more particularly of late, brothers of American Lodges, provided with

Traveling or Withdrawal Cards, have visited Germany, and immediately after their arrival applied to Lodges or the members here for relief; and even when they make no claim for assistance or benefits they represent their object to be the restoration of their health through some sort of a cure, for the payment of which they do not possess the means. One Lodge even recommended a certain brother, as without means, to the German brotherhood. This one had traveled from the United States under circumstances which made it clearly apparent that immediately upon his arrival here he would be obliged to apply to the German Lodges for assistance. Our Lodges, on account of their recent institution, are not so financially situated as to be able to spare sufficient money out of their Lodge funds for the relief of needy brothers, as their means are barely sufficient to pay the guaranteed benefits in addition to the other expenses, therefore the applicants from abroad must be assisted by voluntary contributions. As only the regular frequenters of the Lodges are subjected to such collections, it will not surprise you to learn that, however self-sacrificing the Lodges and individuals of the Order in Germany may be, complaints in reference to this matter have been loudly expressed, by reason of the frequent occurrence of such cases. I do not design, indeed it is not in my power to present every case to you; it will be sufficient to cite a few in proof of what I have written, and that the complaints are well founded.

"Bro. BERNHARD JACOBY, of Mount Sair Lodge, No. 336, New York, arrived here sick, accompanied by his wife, in order to be cured. They were supported here for nine months, and being cured he was supplied with money for his traveling expenses.

"Somewhat similar was the case of Bro. MEYER, of Franz Deak Lodge. He was assisted from time to time, and unfortunately was robbed, when we were obliged to raise 90 marks ($22.50) in order to send him to his home (Pesth, in Hungary). Since that time he has given no evidence of his existence, although he promised that upon reaching his home he would return the amount advanced to him.

"At the present time, Bro. ISRAEL ROSANSZKY, of Admiral Lodge, No. 577, New York, is again here. He possesses the third degree, is entitled to one dollar a week benefits; is afflicted with chronic inflammation of the membrane of the brain, and was sick when he left New York. It is true that he refuses benefits (which would be repaid by his Lodge), without being able to afford proof of his ability to support himself. He is seeking to have his health restored through some kind of an institution, but for this he will be obliged to pay a large sum.

"Through circumstances of the character named continually occurring, the disposition to liberality of our brothers here has been considerably lessened. There have been also cases brought to my notice where brothers have visited Germany, and under the mantle of brotherhood have committed acts calculated to bring the Order into disrepute. For the sake of example we were obliged to take from a brother, ——— HAUSLEIN (of Admiral Lodge, if I do not err), his Traveling Card because he was guilty of gross violation of the laws. Besides this, a letter from Bro. BAUER, the M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of Württemberg, has just been handed to me by the G. Sire, warning the Order against an Ancient Odd Fellow from America, by the name of GLASS, who has acted most treacherously toward the brethren in Switzerland and Southern Germany, and who, on account of his rascality, was published in the papers and is now an inmate of the jail at St. Gallen. I am not aware of the name of the Lodge to which he belonged.

"In our German jurisdiction, where Odd Fellowship is just being developed, occurrences like those mentioned must create an unfavorable influence upon the membership. A dozen of such transactions as I have recorded will place our Order in such a light, that, while its existence may not be terminated, yet its advancement will be seriously retarded, if not entirely prevented. In the interest of our beloved Order whose success is so dear to all our hearts, I request of you, honored brother, to use your influence with the

Grand Lodge of the United States to make such arrangements in reference to the granting of Traveling and Withdrawal Cards as will protect our Order from the disrepute that may be brought upon it by unworthy holders of such certificates. By order of our Grand Sire I have directed all our jurisdiction to prove strange brothers thoroughly.

"Although it grieves me to bring such occurrences to the attention of the G. L. of U. S., I feel it a duty, as it becomes the true Odd Fellow to strive for the removal of all evils that affect our great and glorious Order."

Some delay was experienced in procuring translations of the letters of 31st May and 13th June, and the reply was not sent until the 19th of July, when the G. Secretary was informed that his request for the correction of the error concerning Schiller Lodge, No. 3, at Stuttgart, would receive attention by a proper notice in the report of the G. Secretary to the G. L. of U. S. He was also advised that "the fee for Charter and books for a Subordinate Lodge is $30.00 (about 120 marks), Digest, Section 653 (Constitution, Article XIV.). The books accompanying a Charter, are 2 Charge, 2 Degree, and 2 Rebekah Degree books. You have been requested to furnish Denmark Lodge with the books, as above named, which we will replace in the first shipment from this office to you, and we request that you make no claim on the Lodge at Copenhagen for the value of the same.

"In your favor of June 13th you prefer the request 'that the G. L. of U. S. kindly reimburse Denmark Lodge for the traveling expenses incurred in the institution.' I shall take great pleasure in presenting this subject to the consideration of the G. L. at the session in September, but suggest that the amount of such expense be named, in order that the committee may know the extent of the appropriation asked for.

"We are pained to learn that the Lodges in the German Empire have been subjected to such serious annoyance, and in several cases, as you recite, to imposition at the hands of holders of cards issued by Lodges in the United States. The evil, as you represent it, is serious indeed, and we are surprised to learn that any Lodge in this country should expect one of its members to be supported by the Lodges in your jurisdiction. You may rest assured that the subject will be presented to the G. L. of U. S. at its next session, with the hope that adequate legislation may be secured to prevent such great injustice in future as it is evident has been inflicted upon the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of the German Empire. In the meantime I beg to call your attention to the law of 1874, Journal, 6310, 6326 (Digest, Section 1691a), which was intended to compel members to conform to their promises or suffer the punishment prescribed for failing to return money loaned to them. Of course, as recited, this law applies only to those holding 'unexpired Visiting Cards.'

"Your Grand Sire has acted wisely in directing that all visiting brothers shall be thoroughly proved. This is, indeed, important at all times, but especially when the visitor is an applicant for assistance."

On the 24th of December a letter was received from Bro. Eugene Grimm, Leipzig, December 3, 1877, desiring information in relation to two persons, one residing near Cincinnati, Ohio, and the other at Jersey City, New Jersey. Steps were taken to obtain the particulars asked for, which were promptly communicated to this office and transmitted to Bro. Grimm. This brother is the publisher of "Der Odd Fellow," a semi-monthly paper, eight pages quarto, and in the letter above referred to advised of sending a bound copy of the first volume for the library of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. The book was received on the 27th of December and duly acknowledged.

The mail of March 23d brought another letter from Bro. Grimm, dated March 2, 1878, as follows:

"For your kindly communication in reference to Mr. Weise, of New Jersey, who, however, is dead, I return my warmest thanks, as well as for the great interest you have taken in behalf of the German brethren, and especially in the efforts of our Lodge and our paper, as so kindly expressed in the letter addressed to each. We will take the liberty, therefore, of forward-

ing hereafter, as before, 'Der Odd Fellow,' and request for it a continuance of your much valued encouragement."

The numbers of the paper (Vol. II., 1 to 20), October, 1877, to August, 1878, have been regularly received.

Under date of July 16th, Bro. MEYENDORF wrote:

"Referring to my communication of June 13th, I hereby transmit report of the condition of the Order from January 1 to December 31, 1877.

"I am sorry to state that the number of members has slightly declined, the receipts have fallen off, and the disbursements have been large, all, undoubtedly, owing to the depressed condition of commerce and trade.

"In the formation of new Lodges, two useless classes of members retard its success, namely: those who seek what they cannot find, and those who are not qualified for our cause. The latter class, especially, hinder the proper development of our Order in all its beneficent influences, and they must be under all circumstances eliminated from the organization. However, we have added to our list of existing Lodges, one Grand Lodge and four Subordinate Lodges, and we hope in the ultimate success of our cause, as this year has already witnessed the institution of several new Lodges."

Report of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877.

Grand Lodges, 4; Subordinate Lodges, 46; increase, 4. Members, Jan. 1, 1877, 2,024; initiated, 275; admitted by card, 57; reinstated, 10; total, 2,366. Withdrawn, 194; suspended, 138; expelled, 63; deceased, 21; total, 416. Members, Dec. 31, 1877, 1,950; decrease, 74. Brothers relieved, 103; widowed families relieved, 19; paid for relief of brothers, $1,869.70; widowed families, $335.50; education of orphans, $212.88; burying the dead, $495.45; special relief, $145.32; total relief, $3,058.85. Amount of the annual receipts, $18,615.11. Encampments, 5. Members, Jan. 1, 1877, 185; initiated, 35; reinstated, 1; total, 221. Withdrawn, 3; suspended, 36; deceased, 1; total, 40: Members, Dec. 31, 1877, 181; decrease, 4.

CHARTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

As this document has not heretofore been published, I insert a copy from the duplicate on file in this office, so that the exact terms of the Warrant may appear in our printed Journal:

I. O. O. F.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the United States of America, and by virtue of its constitutional power authorized to organize Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, in foreign countries, doth hereby, upon application of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, Templar Lodge, No. 4, Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, of Prussia; Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Donau Lodge, No. 2, Schiller Lodge, No. 3, of Württemberg; and Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, of Saxony, create and erect into a distinct sovereignty in Odd Fellowship the said Lodges, under the name and title of "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," with independent power in all matters relating to Odd Fellowship within the said jurisdiction, except as follows:

FIRST.—The said Grand Lodge shall not at any time hereafter, in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures, or charges, or any other portion or part of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

SECOND.—This Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give said Grand Lodge of the German Empire the annual traveling password to be used within the jurisdiction thereof, and to prescribe the form of card; and both jurisdictions shall use the same traveling password.

THIRD.—That said, "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," shall have

power, subject to the exceptions hereinabove provided, to establish and grant Charters to other Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and to other Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments within the German Empire, and within such other Germanic European countries as may hereafter be attached to said jurisdiction by consent of this Grand Lodge; and when such other Lodges or Encampments, Subordinate or Grand, shall be so established, they shall sustain the same relations to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" as like Lodges and Encampments sustain to this Grand Lodge; and Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, at Berlin, Prussia, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," if and when established.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, this nineteenth day of September, 1872, and of our Order the fifty-fourth.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

GREAT BRITAIN.—The correspondence with this newly-established jurisdiction has been by no means encouraging during the past year. In fact, at present, we are in doubt whether Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, instituted at London, England, by Special D. G. Sire R. H. MORRISON, of Michigan, under flattering circumstances, have not each succumbed to the adverse circumstances of their position. The disappointments which these two bodies sustained and the severe trials to which they were subjected from time to time had the effect to reduce the membership and to materially diminish the zeal of the few who remained. An attempt was made to re-organize the Lodge under a new name. An informal meeting was called, at which it was suggested that the name be changed from Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, to that of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and it was so agreed by the few who attended the meeting. Due notice was forwarded to the M. W. G. Sire of this movement, who advised the members of the irregularity and illegality of the proceeding without the special assent of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It was not doubted but that the local popularity of the Lodge would be advanced by the change of name suggested; yet the constitutional impediment which secured the inviolability of the name of a Lodge, except by leave of the Grand Lodge, was insurmountable.

In the absence of information to the contrary, it is feared that the organizations in England set on foot two years ago have gradually died out. Thus the attempt on the part of the G. L. of U. S. to introduce American Odd Fellowship to England adversely, has signally failed for a second time.

It is to be regretted, that our former experience in this field had not sufficiently enlightened us on the subject. The truth is, that the effort on our part to enter upon a quasi adverse jurisdiction in England in Odd Fellowship was unwise, when the authorities of the Order in that country were friendly disposed to us, and were fraternally approaching us, to negotiate, with a view to an interchange of Lodge visitations or some kind of satisfactory fraternization of the two Orders, the object evidently being to reunite the two Orders in England and America and throughout the world, if practicable; and if such idea should prove impracticable on account of the diverse system of our work, to introduce such a spirit of sympathy between us, as would gradually ripen into a closer fellowship the two largest and most powerful beneficial and benevolent secular organizations in the world, now numbering in the aggregate more than a million of members. The G. L. is aware that this subject is now in the hands of the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity and of the M. W. G. Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by reference of the Grand Annual Movable Committee and the Grand Lodge of the United States respectively. It is undoubtedly of sufficient importance to challenge the gravest attention of that joint confer-

ence, and it is suggested that the subject be at present considered by a special committee with a view of presenting the matured views of this Grand Lodge in the premises to the conference. Certainly the importance of the issue involved to the interest and welfare of the two Orders would justify an earnest effort to harmonize, if not unite, two such powerful benevolent organizations, having a common origin and parentage.

To arrive at a correct understanding of the situation, I present extracts from the several letters received and sent during the year, as follows:

Bro. LUDWIG KLAJE, under date of October 3, 1877, advised, that the documents sent enabled him "to make the acquaintance of Bro. FAIRLIE, who appears to be a very zealous brother. Bro. CUSSANS, who has procured the two rooms, is unfortunately ill and out of town, and until his return in three or four weeks we cannot call the brothers together. Bros. FAIRLIE and NEWTON are gratified with all they have seen of the Order, and I have no doubt of success. There has been some disappointment, but the brothers have promised to forget all the disagreeable affairs of the past and work with renewed energy for the Lodge. They will not, however, start under the name of 'Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1,' saying they never had a meeting, the life of the Lodge was too short and the memory too disagreeable. They will take as the name for the new Lodge 'Victoria, No. 1,' and they have selected this name because it is their Queen's name. Of course, Thomas Wildey was a man of whom without doubt the Order is justly proud, but he was unknown here, and the failure of the Lodge attempted to be organized by that name makes it distasteful to them. I hope you will use your influence to make this change acceptable to the G. L. of U. S. I was unable to learn whether the entire set of regalia, necessary books, cards, etc., have been received. I think it will be better to have Bro. OSTHEIM for D. D. G. Sire. In his last letter he promised to come to London to see me."

This letter was received on the 14th and answered on the 17th of October, thanking the brother for his interest in the Lodge at London, and saying: "I am of opinion that no trouble will interpose itself in the change of name, and perhaps on that subject all impediment would be removed by chartering a new Lodge as 'Victoria Lodge, No. 2,' to consist, of course, of as many of the former organization as would join in the new enterprise. However, as I have said, that will not interrupt the change of name, which may be arranged hereafter to suit the parties, and to avoid possible objection I will send your letter to the M. W. Grand Sire, who will doubtless give you a cordial appreciation for the interest you manifest in the success of our English enterprise, and he will probably appoint Bro. OSTHEIM to the position of D. D. G. Sire for Great Britain.

"Continue to interest yourself in this good cause, and be assured your efforts will confer a lasting obligation upon our Order."

The opinion of the Grand Sire was also communicated, that "I have no doubt that Bro. KLAJE will be of great value to us in London, particularly so, if his friend OSTHEIM co-operates with us as we expect. In reference to a change in the name of the Lodge from 'Thomas Wildey' to 'Victoria' you might say that there would not be any trouble, for I do not think that the G. L. of U. S. would hesitate a moment." He was also informed that "the Journal of the G. L. of U. S. will show that the regalia, books, etc., for the Lodge were forwarded from here to the proper parties."

On the 17th December another letter from Bro. KLAJE, dated the 2d, came to hand, who advised: "We had the first meeting last Friday, November 30th, in the office of the Anglo-Californian Bank, where, a staircase higher, we shall have the Lodge-rooms offered by Bro. CUSSANS, Secretary of the said bank. Unfortunately only three brothers were present, but we, notwithstanding, commenced. The following is a minute of the proceedings: 'Victoria Lodge, No. 1, London, the 30th of November, 1877. At a meeting of the above Lodge, called by requisition of Bro. L. KLAJE, there were present Bros. JOHN E. CUSSANS, ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE, and L. KLAJE. Bro. KLAJE presided. A letter from Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, congratu-

lating Victoria Lodge, No. 1, on its inauguration was read and unanimously ordered to be placed on the minutes of the Lodge. Bro. KLAJE having presented a photograph of the emblems given by Bro. JEAN GIST, Zurich, the same was gratefully accepted and the chairman was requested to return the thanks of the Lodge to the donor. It was resolved that Bro. ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE be requested to place himself in communication with Bro. JOSEPH MORRELL, with the object of procuring the necessary furniture for the Lodge-room. L. KLAJE, Chairman.'

"It was privately agreed to change the name and start under the name of 'Victoria Lodge, No. 1.' Please inform the M. W. Grand Sire, and I hope he will accept. The brothers are very glad to observe the interest the foreign jurisdictions take in the establishment of the Order in Great Britain. The furniture for the Lodge is expected to be finished in about four weeks, and it is important that Bro. OSTHEIM comes to England at the beginning of next year, as the brothers expect to have from 12 to 16 friends who ought to be initiated when he visits them. I have the utmost confidence that our Order will now succeed here, as it is in good hands. I am, contrary to my expectations, about to return to Zurich to reside, and regret that I shall be unable to meet with the brothers. I will, however, before I leave, assemble them and give further instructions in the written and unwritten work."

A reply to the above was mailed on the 27th of December, advising that his letter was "transmitted to the M. W. Grand Sire, who informs us that he has written to Bro. FAIRLIE, a member of Thomas Wildey Lodge, upon the subject, considering it better that he should advise the Lodge directly. If you will consult with Bro. FAIRLIE, he will doubtless put you in possession of the Grand Sire's views as to the irregularity of some of the proceedings had. It is always better, although it may cause delay, to proceed in order in all we do. I have not heard from Bro. OSTHEIM, who was appointed D. D. G. Sire for England. He at first declined to act, but was urged to withdraw his declination."

This letter reached Bro. KLAJE, at Zurich, to which place he had returned, and from whence he wrote on the 27th of January as follows:

"I am greatly disappointed that I could not carry out my intention to establish our Order in old England. I ought to have done it during my residence in London, but it was a very difficult matter, and required more time than I had at my disposal. I have written to Bro. OSTHEIM, giving him all necessary particulars, and he has promised me that he will go to London whenever the brothers there desire his presence, and I hope he will finish what I began. I cannot conceal from you that I feel a little disregarded that the M. W. G. Sire did not write to me about the irregularities, as I was the cause of the action, and the brothers in London will not understand what manner of irregularities occurred. I feel, however, too great an interest in our institution to be offended by a personal disregard. Please oblige by informing me what was not regular. I intend to return to London in a month or two, for a visit, and you can imagine that I shall be happy to find our Order established and be able to speak to brothers in a sacred Lodge-room."

On the 28th of February Brother KLAJE was informed:

"Your favor of 27th ult. reached this office on the 11th inst. and was immediately sent to the M. W. Grand Sire, who returned it yesterday with the remark that he had thought over the subject and was satisfied that his course in communicating directly with the members of the Lodge was correct. Had you been D. D. G. Sire the case would have been different, but being a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction and holding no commission, he could not find any authority for advising *you* that the proceedings in London were irregular. He begs to assure you that he meant no disrespect, nor did he intend in any way to slight you; on the contrary he highly appreciates your labors in London and regrets that your business has obliged you to leave that city; at the same time he was compelled to recognize you

simply as a volunteer, not clothed with authority, but laboring earnestly in the cause.

"I am unable to forward a copy of the letter of the Grand Sire to Bro. FAIRLIE, but presume it will be a sufficient answer to your question 'what was not regular?' to say that a Lodge must work under the name by which it was chartered, until the Grand Body to which it is subordinate authorizes a change. It is not in the power of a Subordinate to change its name or number."

Several letters from brothers who have advised of their intention to visit England have been received, but we were unable to furnish any satisfactory information concerning the London Lodge. Bro. R. C. T. SCHROEDER, P.G., of St. Louis, announced his intention to visit Great Britain in June, and promised to transmit early information as to the situation of affairs in connection with Thomas Wildey Lodge, and on the 21st of August the following was received:

138 ASHWORTH ST., ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND,
July 9, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just returned from London, where I remained a week or more. Concerning the Order there I would simply say that all operations are for a time entirely suspended, there being no Lodge in existence so far as I could learn. I called upon Bro. ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE, of 48 King William Street, who appears to be the leading spirit in the Order here, and was very kindly received and most courteously treated. Bro. FAIRLIE informs me that owing to a bad impression having been created at the time of the organization, a disinclination has arisen amongst the members to resume affiliation until all stigma shall have vanished from the name of the Order. Much as I deprecate the idea of a scandal, still its baneful influence has had a bad effect upon all would-be members, and until some counteracting element is brought into requisition to dispel the cloud, Odd Fellowship in England will remain a nonentity. Another thing which militates greatly against the Lodge holding its meetings and the accession of members, is that London is one vast metropolis and our members are generally business men whose residences are from seven to ten miles from the city, who must therefore, at great personal inconvenience, stay in town on Lodge nights.

It appears that the members have not been properly or thoroughly instructed in the secret work of the Order, though the information that has been imparted has fallen upon fertile soil. A great many men have asked me if our Order is not the M. U. without its conviviality. I have replied that it is the pure American Order, remodeled and revised from the M. U. I have found many who are willing to become members of Lodges in the vicinity of their residences, but none who will go more than five miles to attend a meeting. Contrary to my expectations the Manchester Unity exhibits no opposition to our Order here. Their time is chiefly occupied with their own troubles, as there are numerous splits and departures here from their organization.

Bro. FAIRLIE seems to have hopes of the resurrection of our Order here, and appeared quite sanguine of ultimate success if the subject is properly canvassed and brought before the public, and I think with an energetic and live brother at the head, with one or two to canvass the districts, a fine harvest of worthy and noble brothers might be reaped. I hope in my next to be able to give you the exact status of the Order in England, as I am awaiting the information from Bro. FAIRLIE.

I shall be glad to execute any command or service the Grand Sire may see fit to intrust me with, and I hope the time is not far distant when the "three links" shall be emblazoned on the four quarters of the globe.

Fraternally yours,

RICHARD C. T. SCHROEDER,
P. G. of Missouri Lodge, No. 11, *St. Louis, Mo.*

On the 19th of October, 1877, Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, of Elberfeld, Germany, was commissioned D. D. G. Sire for Great Britain and Ireland, also for the Netherlands, but in a letter of November 5th felt compelled to decline the appointments. He was urged to withdraw his declination, and on the 17th of December reluctantly consented to accept the positions. He has not, however, so far as we can learn, been able to visit London, indeed it was not his intention to go until invited by the brethren of Thomas Wildey Lodge.

NETHERLANDS.—The condition of the Order in this jurisdiction is entirely satisfactory. Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, was instituted at Amsterdam by Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, D. D. G. Sire, on the 17th of January, 1878, and has met with extraordinary success, having admitted to membership in less than six months, 38 by initiation, and 4 by deposit of card, making the membership, June 30th, 47. Paradise, No. 1, in the same time initiated 10, giving them a membership of 33; total in the jurisdiction, 80.

The correspondence with D. D. G. Sire OSTHEIM embraces letters from him dated Sept. 21st, Nov. 5th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 17th, Dec. 24th, 1877; Jan. 23d, Feb. 7th, Feb. 9th, Feb. 25th, Feb. 26th, March 1st, March 4th, March 17th, March 19th, March 22d, March 23d, April 20th, April 23d, and July 16th, 1878; and replies from this office Oct. 2d, Oct. 8th, Oct. 17th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 11th, 1877; Jan. 16th, Feb. 11th, Feb. 28th, March 8th, March 30th, April 5th, June 20th, June 23d, and July 31st, 1878.

These several letters relate to the translation of the ritual into the Holland tongue, the condition and prospects of the Order in the Netherlands and in England, and the action of the G. L. of U. S. at the last session in appropriating $100.00 to Bro. OSTHEIM. On the latter subject I submit the statement of the D. D. G. Sire of the expense incurred by him, in his efforts to introduce the Order into the kingdom of the Netherlands. It is but justice to Bro. OSTHEIM to say that the statement was sent in reply to a request that inasmuch as he regarded the appropriation insufficient he should furnish an account of his expenditures. The letter, dated Elberfeld, 22d March, 1878, is as follows:

"Pursuant to your demands to send you a statement of the expense I incurred and which I advanced during the time I acted as District Deputy Grand Sire, which office I kept since nearly two years, I herewith submit to you and through you to the R. W. G. L. of U. S. the following statement of my advances, viz.: 1876, in June and October; 1877, January, March, May, July, and November; 1878, January and March, including my expenses and sojourning, as well as my correspondence (postage, etc.) with the jurisdiction intrusted to my care, and with America, $994.00. Received from Paradise Lodge, at the time of institution, $42.00, and from Mount Sinai Lodge, at the time of institution, $33.00, total $75.00, leaves a balance of $919.00 in my favor. You observe that I traveled nine times to Amsterdam, sojourning there always for such length of time as I found necessary. The correspondence I entertained during the two years with the Netherlands, lately with England and the United States, is quite voluminous, and included in the expenses. The charges I made are my actual advances. Considering, however, the immense loss of time, it is easily to be inferred that my sacrifices are by far greater than above stated; in fact so great, that I shall feel the effect from it for quite a length of time, if not forever. To fill honorably my mission I did not stop to sacrifice my very existence, and preferred rather to neglect my vocation than to neglect the Order, the dignity of which I always considered and shall continue to consider paramount to life itself. While submitting to you, as above stated, the bill for my advances, viz., $919.00, I should be glad to receive this amount as soon as you are at liberty to send the same to me.

"You wish me also to state what sum of money should be appropriated to meet the exigency and to justify me in continuing as D. D. G. Sire for England and for the Netherlands. Firmly contending that, at least for the first two years it is as necessary to travel variously to England as it proved to be to the Netherlands, an annual sum of $1,000.00 ought to be appro-

priated. A D. D. Grand Sire appointed for such far distant countries, where the Order is in its infancy yet, incurs expenses nearly every day; he is obliged to use his personal influence and by his repeated presence to promote the interests of the Order and its maintenance in such new, but—if properly encouraged and cultivated—fertile fields."

This subject was referred to the M. W. Grand Sire, who promptly responded, inclosing his letter to this office, which was forwarded by the G. C. and R. Secretary to Bro. OSTHEIM, April 22d, with the following:

"Your letters of March 19th, 22d, and 23d have been duly received. In view of the grave tenor of which I without delay transmitted them to Philadelphia for the official consideration of the M. W. Grand Sire. I have this day received his reply, with return of the original letters to be filed in this office. The advice and opinions of the Grand Sire, which I herewith forward to your address, are so clear, concise, and well supported by the fundamental laws and principles of the Order, and are so consistent with our settled doctrines upon the subject of propagation, over and over again reiterated, that I am at a loss to understand how so intelligent an officer as Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM could have involved himself personally in expenses amounting to $1,000.00, in and about two Subordinate Lodges in the Netherlands, which *by our laws* were required to incur such expenses themselves. With sincere regret that such a state of circumstances should exist, I cannot perceive anything in the facts connected with the transaction which should even remotely be regarded as a source of actual or constructive encouragement in the premises."

On the 16th of July Bro. OSTHEIM advised that he again went to Amsterdam and installed the officers of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, and Mount Sinai, No. 2, receiving their reports and dues for the term. He reports: "Both Lodges, over which I exercise a most watchful eye, are in a flourishing condition, and Mount Sinai, No. 2, has been lately recruiting first-class and highly intelligent members, while Paradise Lodge, encouraged by the thought that the same is considered as the mother Lodge, rivals with the daughter in maintaining the ascendency over the Order in the jurisdiction. Although I wished to authorize a Past Grand to proceed with the installation, for the purpose of not estranging me from my vocation, it was considered of the highest moment to perform this office personally, and instil the minds of the brethren with renewed courage, warning them at the same time to live in peace and harmony. We separated at a late hour direct from the Lodge-room to our dwelling; and I conferred with the leading members of both Lodges in behalf of the future of the Order in their country the following day, before I left for Elberfeld again.

"I failed to answer your letter of April 22d, my feelings having been deeply wounded by its tenor. I still answer the same with some reluctance, but time, healing all wounds, has gained a triumph, and far from being tempted into any complaints. I proceeded with double zeal in the exercise of my duties toward the G. L. of U. S. as their District Deputy, but still more in the exercise of humanity and philanthropy. Your sense of justice prompted you to demand at my hands a specification of my expenses from the time of having received the office as District Deputy and I have followed your wishes, the more so, as I found them plain and natural. My expenses were not incurred by instituting, as you allude to, one Lodge in Holland, but by my travelling to and from that country during 1876, 1877, and 1878, nine times, exclusively for the purpose to demonstrate that the introduction of the Order into the Netherlands was not a vain experiment, which undoubtedly it would have proven to become, if not all my mental energies and personal influence were exercised by repairing to that section whenever the Order was in danger, and if not every possible sacrifice would have been extended from me to keep the Order alive.

"On the 20th of April I transmitted to you the translation of the Initiatory Charge Book in a registered letter. The five degrees are nearly completed, and will be ready for my revision about the end of this month, so

that very likely the translation will reach you a little before or during the session.

"Your letter, including the sentiments of the M. W. Grand Sire, concerning the Order in Switzerland, has been duly received. I forwarded the same (translating the text into the German language) to the Grand Secretary, Bro. H. VOGEL, at Zurich, and gave the most explicit instructions, as wished for by your suggestions and those of the Grand Sire. If the G. L. of U. S. at their session should grant their petition to be an independent body, under similar provisions as in Germany, I am confident that such a privilege will be appreciated in a manner as to satisfy you that the action of your Worthy Grand Lodge will prove both correct and salutary to the interests of the Order."

In acknowledging the above on the 31st of July, the G. C. and R. Secretary said: "You complain of my last as being aggressive to your feelings. I disclaim all such purpose, having only spoken as I think was my duty, certainly with no intention to wound your feelings. I could not, of course, recommend the payment of expenses incurred, without knowing their character, and the authority under which paid. It is only necessary for you to verify legitimate claims against the G. L. of U. S., contracted in the proper manner, to enlist my official approval. In that event I will cheerfully indorse them in the discharge of my duty, otherwise you cannot reasonably expect this office to pursue any other course than to withhold approval. However, if you will transmit your account in due form, I will present it to the next session."

In a letter of November 20th, Bro. OSTHEIM advised: "A brother, one of the Charter members of Mount Sinai Lodge, asks whether it was permitted to cause the pamphlet, 'Odd Fellowship—what is it?' to be printed in the Holland language? The same has already been translated, and I request you to notify me whether there is any objection to printing this essay in Holland." He was informed that, "I cannot see the slightest objection to it."

Another matter remains unsettled. In 1877 a blank report was transmitted to Paradise Lodge, No. 1, with a request that it be filled up merely as a memorandum to exhibit the condition of the Lodge on the 1st of July, 1877, the annual report not being required until January, 1878. The Lodge construed it to mean that no dues were required for the fractional term ending June 30, 1877, and when a demand was made through the D. D. G. Sire for the dues, he replied, March 17th, as follows: "The dues you charge per report to July 30, 1877, $46.65, must rest upon an error. Your worthy Assistant Grand Secretary informed Paradise Lodge at the time you sent the blank report, on the margin of one of them, with the following words: '*Nothing will be required until after January the 1st*, 1878.' Guided by these remarks the Lodge either thought you did not reserve the privilege to collect until that time any dues, or you did not wish to collect at all. I inferred the same deductions from the above assertion and fully coincided with Paradise Lodge. The latter one thought herself only entitled to pay dues as per December 31st, as transmitted to you, and if the liberality of the Grand Body assumed a shape as not to charge anything before that time, as the above remark distinctly expresses, Paradise Lodge felt the more grateful, as the fitting up of their room, etc., exhausted their means in a manner as to acknowledge the more your action in the premises. I fully devised their views, but I request you to inform Paradise Lodge that they labored under a mistake if they conveyed to the remarks of the worthy Assistant Secretary an interpretation which I asserted myself was entirely correct, but seems not to correspond with your views. You may enlighten me upon the subject also, but under the circumstances I cannot help but return your memorandum as the dues as understood to be due are already paid and sent to you, while one part of the memorandum is founded upon an error on your part according to the above remark."

Bro. OSTHEIM's *premises* are not correct, as instead of the indorsement

being as he states, "*nothing will be required until after January the* 1*st*, 1878," an examination of the report now on file, will show that the following is the indorsement that was made when the blank was sent from this office: "*Memorandum only; no report due until December* 31, 1877."

On the 30th March, the G. C. and R. Secretary informed Bro. OSTHEIM: "I inclose Bro. Ross' explanation of the subject of the accounts of Paradise Lodge, with which he has become somewhat complicated by the memorandum to the Lodge on the subject. You will perceive by his present statement that his memorandum has been mistaken and misinterpreted by the Lodge and now explains specifically the situation. I trust this very specific and perspicuous statement will dispel all misunderstanding on the subject, and will restore the proper feeling in the case."

The Assistant G. Secretary wrote Bro. OSTHEIM as follows: "I have read with great surprise of the construction placed upon the pencil memorandum I made on a blank sent to Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Netherlands, about a year ago, with the intention of obtaining a statement of the condition of the Lodge on the 1st of July, 1877. Referring to the report, I find the memorandum as follows: '*Memorandum only; no report due until December* 31, 1877.' If these words can in any way be construed to mean that the Lodge was released from the payment of dues from the date of institution to the 1st of July, 1877, I confess I am unable to appreciate the force of language.

"Article III. of By-Laws (Digest, 1732a) requires returns to be made annually. Article XXVI. requires reports to December 31st. Constitution, Article XIV., Section 3, provides that Subordinates shall pay ten per cent. on their receipts to the G. L. of U. S. As the G. L. of U. S. meets only in September, you will see that it was not in the power of any one in this office to remit the dues of a Subordinate. You will, I feel sure, on reflection, be satisfied there was nothing in the words written on the margin of the blank that justified the construction that the dues were remitted. I therefore return to you the statement, with proper credit for the remittances, and send a duplicate of the same to Paradise Lodge.

"1876, May 13, Cards, etc		$10 00
1878, Feb. 11, Dues per report to June 30, 1877, Fl. 1211.62 @ 38½ cts. say $466 47 @ 10%		46 65
Dues per report to Dec. 31, 1877, $132 58		13 25
		$69 90
Cr.		
Feb. 26, By Cash	$10 00	
" 27, " P. O. Money Order, $13, sent as	13 25	
		23 25
Due G. L. of U. S		$46 65

Being for dues from institution to June 30, 1877."

On the 20th of April, Bro. OSTHEIM advised: "Confirming your letter of March 30th, I suggested to Paradise Lodge that according to the letter of the worthy Assistant G. Secretary they were owing yet for dues to the G. L. of U. S. that little amount which they, as well as myself, interpreted was not required by that Grand Body to be paid. I have no doubt it will be paid as soon as the statement from the Assistant G. Secretary will reach Amsterdam."

On the 10th of June a letter dated Amsterdam, May 26, 1878, signed JACOB WIENER, A. L. VAN HINDEN, S. K. LIEKENOPPARSSEN, with the seal of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, attached, was received at this office, and appears to refer to this subject. It is written in the Holland language, and after several days fruitless search for a translator, the writers were informed on the 21st of June, that "We are unable to get the letter translated, and request that you will repeat the contents in English. Your letters heretofore have been written in English and were satisfactory, and we hope you will continue to

send them in that way. I notice, however, a passage in English in your letter which appears to be quoted, viz.: 'Nothing will be required until the first day of January.' If you intend this as a quotation from my letter of June 2, 1877, to JACOB WIENER, N. G., copied on Letter Book 4, page 852, I beg to say that you have made a mistake. I wrote: '*You will understand this is only a memorandum report,—your regular return will not be due until January*, 1878.' If what I wrote is not *clear*, that the memorandum asked for was a *memorandum only*, I don't know how to make it so. I said, further, 'We desire this that we may present your condition in the report of the Grand Secretary to the G. L. of U. S. in September.' The dues are payable in accordance with the laws of the G. L. of U. S.—*ten per cent. on receipts, and we cannot say that you need not pay them.*"

February 22d a letter was received from a committee of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, addressed "To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States," returning thanks for granting their Charter, etc. Also on the 16th of March a letter from the officers, dated Feb. 25th, accompanying "the photographs of the five institutors of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2." These letters were duly acknowledged and are respectfully submitted with the entire correspondence with this jurisdiction.

July 19th, a letter was received from JACOB WIENER, desiring some diplomas in the Holland language. The brother was informed that "the G. L. of U. S. has not authorized the diplomas printed in the Holland language; the demand would be too limited to justify the publication; still, if you will agree to purchase one hundred copies (fifty dollars), and furnish a translation free of expense to the G. L. of U. S., the amount would about pay the cost, and it is probable the printing of a hundred copies or more in the Holland language may be authorized. The question will be submitted at the next session, but in order to obtain a favorable report it will be well for you to state the number of copies you will agree to purchase."

PERU.—Our advices and correspondence with this jurisdiction have been agreeable and satisfactory. The general monetary and business stringency, which prevails throughout the world, is more complained of in South America then in most other business centres. The Order has therefore correspondingly suffered, and the check to our progress in Peru from this cause, reported last year, has continued during the present year. Nevertheless we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the annual reports of the Subordinates.

In consequence of the exorbitant rate of exchange in paying Lodge dues, by the Subordinates in Peru, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the subject of the proper relief under the circumstances to be extended to them was considered at the last session, and upon the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the recommendation of the M. W. G. Sire, it was ordered, "that the rate of exchange actually paid by the Lodges in Peru be credited to them, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to give the Subordinate Lodges located in that Republic, credit for the balances appearing against them." Information to this effect was communicated to D. D. G. Sire HURWITZ, 27th September, 1877, and it is believed was *entirely satisfactory to the Subordinates, affording the desired relief.* The present annual returns are highly encouraging; the condition of the jurisdiction is as follows:

Lodges, 4; members, Dec. 31, 1876, 110; increase during the year, 31; receipts, $3,822.16; relief, $78.00. Encampment, 1; members, 19; loss, 1; receipts, $259.50. Ten per cent. on the receipts of the Subordinates amounted to $408.16, while the amount remitted was $209.26, about fifty-one per cent., or a little more than five per cent. on the receipts. The accounts were balanced in accordance with the legislation of the last session.

The letters from this office were of Sept. 27th, heretofore referred to; Oct. 19th, transmitting P. W's and commission; Oct. 22d, statement of credits to balance accounts of Subordinates; Dec. 29th, acknowledging receipt of D. D. G. Sire HURWITZ's letter of November 20th, and transmitting

invoice of supplies; April 2, 1878, acknowledging the reports, remittance, and letter of the D. D. G. Sire of March 18th.

On the 20th November Bro. HURWITZ advised that certain members of Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, had been "suspended for non-payment of dues and fees," and the adoption by the Encampment of a resolution, that as the said members "have refused to pay their admission fees, although they agreed, at the time of instituting the Encampment, to pay whatever sum may be fixed by this Encampment, the names of the said brothers be stricken from the list of Charter members, and the R. W. Grand Secretary of the G. L. of U. S. be informed of the fact." He also requested Charters for Lodges Nos. 1 and 2 and the Encampment similar to the documents furnished to Lodges 3 and 4, meaning those printed on blank diplomas. Bro. HURWITZ was informed that the Encampment had no right to erase any of the names from the Charter; "for a failure to fulfil their promises the parties may be arraigned as provided by the laws of the Order." Duplicate Charters, corresponding in form, date, etc., with the original Warrants were forwarded. A few copies of the Spanish Charge and Degree Books were forwarded, with the hope that Lodges in that language might be organized, Bro. LOGAN having expressed the opinion that Peru would prove a good field for Lodges working in the Spanish language.

Under date of March 13, 1878, Bro. HURWITZ advised of the receipt of letter from this office of December 29, 1877, together with the supplies, journals, etc. He transmitted the reports and dues, remarking: "The amount due the G. L. is 408.14 soles, Peruvian currency, which I transmitted to Columbia, and it was from there forwarded to you in a U. S. Gold bill, sixty days, $209.26, which is about 25 per cent. better than I could have done here. The act of the Encampment in striking certain names from the Charter was annulled, on learning that the proceeding was unlawful.

"I have lately been applied to by some of the Past Grands for a Grand Lodge, but as yet have not given the subject any consideration. I will soon bring it to the notice of the Lodges, and should they desire it, will make a move in that direction. My opinion is that the numerical strength of the Order in this jurisdiction will hardly be able to sustain a Grand Body. Please give me your opinion on the subject, as perhaps I look at the dark side of the picture. The Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows are opening a Lodge in this city. They made a move in that direction about a year ago, when I made some overtures to them, but it seems I did not succeed. As far as I can learn, their present candidates whom they offer to initiate for 5 soles each, are not of a desirable class of the foreigners here, and I have therefore not troubled myself much about them."

The above was answered April 2d, expressing the opinion that "it is wise to discourage the formation of a Grand Lodge until you have a larger number of Lodges and membership. In general I approve and encourage the formation of Grand Lodges wherever the strength of the constituency will justify the increased expense and responsibility, but in a community like yours, whose growth and progress is slow, although healthy, I think your advice is sound and judicious. Your progress is gradual, and I think your Grand Lodge, when formed, will be better prepared for its responsibility after a delay of another year or two, when the presumption is, that times and business will be better."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—As will appear by the extracts from the correspondence with Bro. W. C. PARKE, D. D. G. Sire for this jurisdiction, and Bros. C. S. BARTOW and D. N. FLITNER, former efficient officers, harmony has been restored, and the two Lodges are pursuing the even tenor of their ways undisturbed by the unhappy differences which it was feared would prove the ruin of the Order in this remote country.

Letters to the D. D. G. Sire were mailed on the 19th of October with P. W's and commission; Dec. 20th, on the subject of the Order at Honolulu; March 7, 1878, acknowledging receipt of letter of Feb. 9th with reports and

dues; March 8th, advising of the proposed visit of D. D. G. Sire HARMON to Australia and his probable call at Honolulu; March 28th, acknowledging letter of 8th of March; May 4th, advising of letter of April 15th; and August 8th, in reply to letter of June 26th.

The District Deputy, in letter of Dec. 1, 1877, referring to the receipt of commission, etc., said: "I should have preferred that the brethren here had selected another than myself for the office, but I shall endeavor during my incumbency to promote that good feeling which the Order inculcates." February 9th he advised of the installation of the officers of Excelsior and Harmony Lodges and Polynesia Encampment, transmitted the returns and dues and advised that: "The Order here is progressing favorably; the very unpleasant feeling existing between the two Lodges has, in a great measure, subsided, and I shall use my utmost endeavors to obliterate the same and promote the friendship which the Order inculcates. What a loss to the Order at large the death of Bro. PORTER will be! We in this out of the way spot feel as if we had lost a personal friend, and so, I presume, will be the sentiment in other places. None of our members who visited San Francisco and met his kindly grasp will soon forget him; and should I ever visit the Grand Lodge again I shall miss his warm welcome, as he was a true friend of mine;" and March 8, 1878, acknowledging letter from this office of 20th of December, he remarked: "What a loss the Order has sustained in the death of Bros. PORTER and STUART; they have left a record which we may well take for an example. I am proud to say, that in my opinion, the Order has been a power for good in this jurisdiction. Any person known as a member of the Order here has a passport recognized by the best society. We have contributed our share to the advancement of the people. As a matter of course, we have had black sheep in our fold, but not to remain any length of time. The Order has been foremost to relieve distress when called upon, and I hope we shall be able to do more for the cause of humanity. I am glad to be able to report a better feeling existing in the two Lodges, and I shall not weary in my efforts to promote harmony among the brethren in this jurisdiction. We were looking forward with pleasure for a visit from the Grand Sire on his way to Australia, as the steamers touch here, and had a committee appointed to receive him. I now see that Bro. J. B. HARMON, D. G. Sire, will go on the mission, and I hope that we can persuade him to spend a week or more with us, for his visit will do the Order good. It will be the first time the Lodges have had the honor to entertain a Grand Officer. We felt a little hurt that this jurisdiction was not thought of in sending a Grand Officer to Australia, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, for we are on the road. Is it hoping too much when we look forward to a consideration of the color question at the next session of the Grand Lodge? We should be allowed to initiate Hawaiians, whom we meet daily in society."

This letter was answered March 28th, saying: "Bro. HARMON proposes to stop at your island, and make such delay as circumstances will permit. It was no want of respect for your Lodges, or want of interest in their welfare, which comparatively ignored your jurisdiction in sending a Special Commissioner to Australia, particularly as you are upon the highway to that country; but it was not the subject of special thought. The M. W. Grand Sire has, however, taken care to cause the Special Commissioner to tarry by the way at your island, and render such service to the Order there as may be in his power. Touching your suggestion on the 'color question,' I reply that I fear the Grand Lodge of the United States will not depart from what appears to be its fixed policy. A great deal has been wrought in the matter of public opinion on the subject, but much more remains for time and enlightenment to accomplish."

A letter from D. D. G. Sire PARKE, April 15th, refers to an error in the report of Lodge No. 1, and his letter of April 23d advised of the arrival of Bro. HARMON, and his stay of a few hours, with a promise to remain a longer

time on his return. The latest advice is dated June 26th, inclosing a corrected report of Excelsior Lodge.

Brother C. S. BARTOW, Sept. 3, 1877, advised: "The disputes and discord which seemed for a time to threaten a dissolution of the Order have subsided, and for the present we dwell together in harmony;" and Bro. D. N. FLITNER, on the 8th of October, said: "The Order here is still on the increase, and the prospects for the future appear encouraging;" and on the 5th of November he advised: "No further change has taken place in the position of affairs here, and I look anxiously forward to the time when the last obstacle to a warm and fraternal regard for the welfare of each other shall be removed from between the two Lodges." On the 4th of December he advised of the receipt by Bro. PARKE of commission as D. D. G. Sire, and spoke in strong terms of commendation of the ability of the new officer and the wisdom of the selection, and a final letter, dated April 13th, was received May 4th, which advised that he had for some time been in bad health.

These letters were duly answered Sept. 29th, Dec. 1st, 1877; Jan. 2d and May 5th, 1878.

SWITZERLAND.—We received the annual report of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Switzerland, for the year 1877, on the 23d of March, which presents the Order in that jurisdiction in a highly satisfactory condition, notwithstanding the trying ordeal to which the times have subjected every beneficial organization, in this as in other countries. Some matters of importance have been the subjects of correspondence, as will appear by the extracts from the numerous letters received and answered during the year, herewith submitted.

Bro. HERMANN VOGEL, R. W. G. Secretary, wrote September 11, 1877 (received September 27th), acknowledging letter from this office of July 30th, and said: "We lately heard that the R. W. G. L. of Germany has sent you a petition for permission to print the books and cards in Germany. The G. L. of Switzerland joins heartily in this petition."

In reply, Bro. VOGEL was informed that "the G. L. of U. S. declined to grant permission to the G. L. of the German Empire to print the books and cards, hence supplies must be procured from this office."

September 22d, the G. Secretary advised of forwarding copies of the "Herz und Hand," of August 15, 1875, and June 1st and 15th, 1876, containing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland at the Annual Sessions of 1875 and 1876. He also stated that in October two Lodges would be instituted, viz.: No. 8 at Luzern and No. 9 at Schaffhausen

October 19th, Commission and P. W's were sent to Bro. RUDOLPH ASCHMANN, D. D. G. Sire.

November 3d, Bro. VOGEL acknowledged receipt of letters from this office, and remarked: "Several weeks ago we learned that the G. L. of G. E. was refused the privilege of printing the books, cards, etc., in Germany, but were granted the favor of receiving those articles at cost price. As we consider ourselves entitled to the same privilege for the Swiss jurisdiction, we request you very kindly to apply the above resolution, as an exception, retrospectively to our account, as the prices of the books and cards, especially of the Charge and Degree Books, were, in comparison with our rates here, enormously high and exaggerated, considering that the books for which we have to remit two dollars each (besides the expense for freight and duty) could be had here for two francs, that is one-fifth of your rate. You will please remember that we have to furnish these books to new Lodges which are taxed very heavily for the necessary preparations for working, and they find the charge of 44 francs for the four books (your last consignment, including freight and duty, amounted to this sum) very onerous and discouraging. The monetary affairs, wages, etc., are here entirely different from the United States, and the Order in Switzerland is yet young and financially weak. Besides, our Grand Lodge, during the three years of its existence, has had so many expenses, that with the best intentions, it has

been impossible for it to assist new Lodges by reducing the Charter fees. We therefore beg leave to request you kindly to furnish us hereafter with books and cards at cost price, the same as the G. L. of the German Empire, and extend the same favor to the two last bills, July, 1875, and July, 1877. Trusting this request will be granted, and desirous of remitting without further delay the proper amount due the G. L. of U. S., I beg you will inform us what reduction will be made on those two invoices. We regret the necessity of informing you that the Grand Lodge was compelled to dissolve Rousseau Lodge, No. 4, at Biel, on the 7th of October, for inability to fulfil their duties, as upon examination it was found that the financial condition and local causes required the Lodge to be closed.

"I have the pleasure of informing you that Waldstaetter Lodge, No. 8, was instituted at Luzern, October 27th, in the presence of guests from all parts of Switzerland. This Lodge is founded on a solid basis and justifies the most favorable expectations. Rheinfall Lodge, No. 9, will be instituted this or next month, and the indications are that it will become a flourishing nursery for our beloved Order."

On the 7th of December, Bro. VOGEL was informed that "the request that the resolution to furnish supplies at cost to the G. L. of G. E. be extended to your Grand Lodge *retrospectively*, so as to include the outstanding amount, however equitable may be the claim for it, and however ably presented in your argument in its behalf, I regret to say, is by no means within my power. The Grand Lodge alone has power in the premises to deal with the subject to the extent to which you ask relief, which virtually means to discharge the debt. So far as regards giving you the benefit of cost prices for future supplies, we would not hesitate to place all foreign jurisdictions which would ask it, upon such equal footing. But beyond that, we dare not presume to venture. The bill, therefore, of July, 1875, amounting to $50, must be paid, unless you apply to the G. L. of U. S. for the relief sought, which I presume, if placed upon the ground taken in your letter, will be generously considered."

Under date of November 22, 1877, Bro. RUDOLPH ASCHMANN, D. D. G. Sire, acknowledged receipt of commission and P. W's.

December 21st, Bro. VOGEL was advised of the shipment of Revised Journal of 1877.

On the 26th of January, Bro. VOGEL wrote: "We regret to learn that you cannot grant any reduction upon the cost of the books and cards sent to us, and that our only recourse will be to petition the G. L. of U. S. to furnish us supplies at cost price. We therefore send you a draft for $50 to balance your account against us for the 20 books, 40 cards, and express charges paid on the same, furnished us July 6, 1875, and we hope to be excused for so long delaying this matter.

"I now advise you that Rheinfall Lodge, No. 9, was instituted at Schaffhausen, December 8th. The interest manifested by the Swiss and German Lodges rendered the occasion one of considerable importance.

"I received on the 19th inst. the Revised Journal of G. L. of U. S., and on the 15th I sent to you a copy of the 'Herz und Hand,' containing the Proceedings of the G. L. of Switzerland, October 7, 1877. The Proceedings, as I informed you Sept. 22d, have not been printed in pamphlet form, on account of the expense, the Grand Lodge having decided to publish them in the 'Herz und Hand.' At the next session (April) I will offer a motion for annulling the said resolution, upon the ground chiefly that foreign Grand Lodges send their Proceedings to us in book form and expect ours in return in the same form for their libraries. Mere newspaper copies are of little use, as in the first place they contain much more than our Proceedings, and in the next place the actual Proceedings are generally given in a condensed form. I will strive in the future to meet your wishes in this particular."

On the 19th of February the Grand Secretary was informed that "I think you misunderstood the letter from this office of Dec. 7, 1877. If you will refer to the document, you will see that the G. C. and R. Secretary expressed

a willingness to place all foreign jurisdictions *upon an equal footing as far as future orders are concerned.* To make the reductions apply to bills contracted previous to September, 1877, was not in our power, and such concession has not been made to any jurisdiction. I repeat, therefore, that *such books, cards, etc., as you may now order will be sent to you at the same prices as we charge the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.* The copy of 'Herz und Hand,' mentioned is received. We concur in your views concerning the publication of the Journal of your Grand Lodge, as we are satisfied a pamphlet copy will be more satisfactory than a newspaper sketch of the transactions."

Grand Secretary VOGEL's letter of March 8th, accompanying the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, reached this office March 23d. He said "You will perceive that our dear Order is in good standing in Switzerland, and is making favorable progress notwithstanding the very hard times through which we are passing. I did indeed misunderstand your letter of December 7th concerning the price of supplies, and in the name of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland I thank you for placing us on equal footing with the G. L. of the German Empire."

The above was duly acknowledged on the 30th of March. On the 6th of April we received the following letter :

OFFICE OF THE G. SECRETARY OF THE G. LODGE OF SWITZERLAND,
Zurich, March 23, 1878.

I had the honor to write to you on the 8th inst., and on account of a sad occurrence am obliged to again address you.

Our Grand Lodge, Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, at Berne, and the entire Order in Switzerland have met with a great loss by the death of our dear friend and brother, RUDOLPH ASCHMANN, Grand Representative and D. D. G. Sire, who departed this life on the 18th inst., after a brief illness of a few days' duration, at Richtersweil (Lake of Zurich), aged 41 years. He occupied for eleven years the position of Secretary of the Legation of the United States at Berne, and the day of his decease there arrived from Washington advice of his nomination for Consul of the United States at Berne. He was buried at Richtersweil on the 21st inst., his funeral being largely attended by people from all parts of the country, as he was highly esteemed by everybody for his pure character and generous sympathies.

Yours very truly in F., L. & T.,
HERMANN VOGEL, *Grand Secretary.*

This letter was immediately acknowledged, expressing great regret for the loss of so distinguished an Odd Fellow and fellow-citizen, and advising that the G. Sire would in due time appoint a D. D. G. Sire to fill the vacancy.

The following from Bro. VOGEL, dated April 20th, addressed to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., was received May 6th :

"I inclose a duplicate report of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, from which you will see that the past year has been quite favorable, notwithstanding Rousseau Lodge, No. 4, with 27 members, was dissolved. The actual increase in this jurisdiction was 46, and but for the unexampled stagnation of business we would have been able to present a still more favorable exhibit. During the year 82 have been admitted to the Order, certainly a good work considering our limited opportunities and the great difficulties we have had to contend with in introducing our Order among a class of people prejudiced against all associations, and particularly against secret societies. Even now, our undertaking has succeeded only in the Cantons composed of Germans and Northern people. We shall not, however, cease our efforts, and we hope, with more favorable times, to add both the French and Italian Switzerland to our jurisdiction. To this end I respectfully inquire whether there is any of our literature in the French language, that by the distribution thereof we might gradually introduce our principles among the French Swiss. I am aware that our ritual has been published in French, and I will

avail myself of this advantage as soon as there is an occasion for the use of such books.

"With regard to the quality of our membership we can report most favorably. Our brethren seem disposed to become acquainted with the true intent of the Order; to adopt its principles as their guide and to exhibit the effects thereof in their every-day life. All the Lodges, especially the younger ones, are raising the standard of membership and are adding to the Order reliable active Odd Fellows. If less precaution had been used with reference to the admission of members, we could certainly have exhibited a much larger roll, but it is questionable if its welfare would have been correspondingly benefited, 'Slowly but surely advances our enterprise.'

"With the exception of the dissolution of Rousseau Lodge, the Grand Lodge was not troubled with any business of an unpleasant character, such as appeals, etc. The Grand Lodge takes pleasure in commending the Subordinates for punctually and faithfully fulfilling all their obligations, and for their zeal and self-sacrificing disposition. The Subordinates have been engaged with the project of an 'Assurance Fund,' and the plan will be presented to the Grand Lodge at its session, April 27th, at St. Gallen.

"We hope to present a better report for the current year than our last, and I shall continue as heretofore to present more detailed reports of our condition and working than were given until within the last year. We find it impossible to be represented at the Annual Sessions of the G. L. of U. S. on account of the expense. Perhaps we may secure a Representative at less cost in the person of a brother who resides in your country.

"As brothers who understand the English language are not often with us, our correspondence with you has been exceedingly difficult and necessarily curtailed; we therefore ask the favor of corresponding with you in German as does the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and of receiving our answers in German."

On the 23d of May, Bro. VOGEL was advised: "Your very interesting communication of April 20th, addressed to the officers and members of the G. L. of U. S. will be presented to that body at its next session, September 16, 1878. I have no knowledge of any publications of the Order in the French language. I mail to your address some copies of the Standard Tract, 'Odd Fellowship—what is it?' It may be advisable to have it printed in the French language.

"A Representative from your jurisdiction would undoubtedly be gladly received by the G. L. of U. S, and we hope you will be able to arrange for the attendance of one of your members.

"Your letters written in English heretofore, have been perfectly satisfactory, but if it will suit you better to write in German we cannot object. Our letters to the German Empire are written in English for the reason that we cannot depend upon getting a satisfactory translation of them *here* into the German language."

Bro. VOGEL's letter of the 9th of May, advised that "the election for officers of Grand Lodge of Switzerland took place at the Annual Session held at St. Gallen, April 28th, and resulted in the choice of GOTTLIEB MAEDER, No. 185, Schwanengasse, Berne, for Grand Master; CARL IMFELD, Ronca, Luzern, D. G. Master; JACQUES WEISS, Basel, G. Warden; HERMANN VOGEL, Parkringstrasse, No. 5, in Enge, Zurich, G. Secretary; JACQUES HUERLIMANN, Zurich, G. Treasurer. We await the appointment by the Grand Sire of a D. D. G. Sire for this jurisdiction."

This letter was answered June 10th, and on the 11th a commission appointing G. Secretary VOGEL, D. D. G. Sire, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Bro. ASCHMANN, was transmitted.

The mail of June 13th, brought a letter from Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, dated Berne, Switzerland, May 29, 1878, as follows:

"While on a trip to Southern Germany, I received a request from the G. Secretary of the G. L. of Switzerland to visit Helvetia Lodge, at Zurich, for the purpose of reciting the unwritten work and giving advice in matters

concerning the Order in that jurisdiction. On the 25th inst. I repaired to Zurich and found the Lodge-room crowded with members and delegates from the different Lodges in Switzerland, who listened with the utmost attention to the words I uttered. I found that a determination to adhere strictly to our divine principles actuated every brother. The Past Grands of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 alluded to the necessity of forming a Grand Lodge similar to the G. L. of the German Empire, and they desired me to be the interpreter of their wishes. They suggested that the G. L. of U. S. may now be more inclined to grant their prayers than before, when such a request was refused, on the ground that the number of Subordinates was insufficient to justify such proceeding. I informed them that one of the difficulties in the way of organizing such a Grand Lodge was the fact that they were not in possession of the Encampment degrees, and therefore the 'work and diagrams' of these exalted degrees could not be placed in their hands until an Encampment is instituted. Considering the expense of such a movement, and their desire to see the Subordinate degrees more developed, the brethren are not very anxious to establish Encampments, and they wish to be informed if there is any prospect of the G. L. of U. S., upon proper petition, granting a Charter for a Grand Lodge like that of the German Empire, without their organizing Encampments, that is, if some means cannot be devised by the G. L. of U. S. to fulfil their wishes. I was unable to give them any assurance of success, and submit their request to you with the hope that you will enlighten the brethren upon this subject. They are, however, if necessary, determined to establish an Encampment and will prepare a petition to the G. L. of U. S. as soon as your answer reaches them. The Order in Switzerland is advancing rapidly, and to reconcile the legislation to the manners and customs of this country the brethren desire the work and diagrams, and hope that the G. L. of U. S. may see proper at the next session, to grant them a new Charter.

"Please consult with the M. W. G. Sire, and inform G. Secretary VOGEL of the result of your deliberations as soon as you find it convenient to do so."

On the 23d of June the following was transmitted to Bro. OSTHEIM:

"I lost no time in communicating the contents of your letter to the G. Sire, whose reply, dated 21st inst., is before me. He says, 'I would not hesitate to encourage the brethren in Switzerland to have an application before the G. L. of U. S. at the next session for a Grand Lodge Charter as an independent jurisdiction. The Book of Diagrams can be divided to be independent of the Encampment work. At any rate, it would be a proper subject for the action of the G. L. of U. S.' Thus you will discover the G. Sire's sentiments on the subject of which you write, and you will be wise in conforming the course of the brethren to these views. I think them eminently practical and in conformity to our best judgment. Your plan of movement is plain, and your intelligence will direct your course in the premises. Let the G. L. of Switzerland, with each of its Subordinates unite in a formal application to the next session for such a Charter, and I feel assured that the G. L. of U. S. will interpose no obstacle. Of course the Encampment branch will have to be included and provided for."

Bro. VOGEL, on the 18th of June, said, "We wait with some anxiety your answer to the letter of Bro. OSTHEIM concerning the establishment of an Encampment in Switzerland, etc.," and on the 6th of July he was advised of the letter to Bro. OSTHEIM on the subject.

On the 11th of July, Bro. VOGEL acknowledged the receipt of commission as D. D. G. Sire, and advised of the transfer to him of the papers of the office, by the family of our deceased Bro. ASCHMANN; also that he had sent to this office 30 copies of Journal of G. L. of Switzerland, to be forwarded to certain Grand Lodges that he named. He also said: "We anxiously await your answer to our petition for an Encampment in Switzerland, sent you the 28th of May by Bro. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, as we desire to take immediately the Encampment degrees at Stuttgart."

A reply to the above was mailed August 3d, remarking, concerning his

reference to a petition for an Encampment: "The paper you refer to, is, we presume, a letter from Bro. OSTHEIM, dated May 29, 1878, but no *petition* was sent, consequently there was nothing on which to act, as he only asked for an opinion, which was communicated in a letter from this office, dated June 23d. I beg to suggest, however, that *seven* or more who desire to organize an Encampment should connect themselves with an Encampment at Stuttgart, or elsewhere, as may be most convenient, procure their Withdrawal Cards and sign the inclosed petition (after filling the blanks), and mail all to this office, or if thought advisable, and a competent brother can be found to proceed to Zurich (or wherever the Encampment is to be located), the M.W. Grand Sire may, on the reception of a proper petition, specially commission a brother to confer the Encampment degrees."

The mail of August 28th brought a letter from Grand Secretary VOGEL, dated August 14th, as follows:

"Bro. OSTHEIM transmitted to our Grand Lodge your letter of June 23d, containing the answer of M.W. Grand Sire STOKES to our request for the independence of Swiss Odd Fellowship. The G. L. of Switzerland held at Luzern, on the 21st of July, an extraordinary meeting on this subject, and adopted the following: 'Resolved, That an application be made to the G. L. of U. S. at its next session for a Charter for a Grand Lodge as an independent jurisdiction in the same manner and analogous to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and the G. L. of U. S. be requested to exempt the Order here from organizing an Encampment, if possible. If, however, that Grand Body shall deem the institution of an Encampment indispensable, the Grand Officers of Switzerland are authorized to do all that may be required.'

"The petition is now being circulated among the eight Swiss Lodges, and is (according to the instructions of Bro. OSTHEIM) of the following tenor:

"'The petition of the undersigned Representatives and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Swiss Republic and their respective Lodges, respectfully represents that at present they work under a Warrant granted by your Grand Body. and they have 33 Past Grands in good standing. They are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge, in the same manner and analogous to the G. L. of G. E., in Switzerland. They therefore pray your R. W. Body to grant a Charter for such a Grand Lodge in the Republic of Switzerland, to be located at Zurich. There is no Encampment at present in this country. Provided the R. W. G. L. of U. S. should deem it necessary, we shall petition for an Encampment previous to receiving the Book of Diagrams and the secret work in case a Warrant should be granted.'

"This petition is now in circulation throughout Switzerland, and will be regularly signed by the Past Grand Masters of Switzerland, Officers and Representatives of our Grand Lodge with the seal, Past Grands not forming part of the Grand Lodge, Noble Grands and Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges with the respective seals. I shall send you the document soon as possible, and I hope it will be found all right and without any mistake in the form. I fear, though, that it will not arrive in time for your session in September, as the circulation of it through the Lodges to get the signatures requires much time. In case the petition does not arrive in due time we request the G. L. of U. S. to authorize its Grand Officers to act in the matter according to circumstances, and at all events to take action on the subject.

"All expenses attending the Warrant and the Encampment shall be promptly paid as soon as I am informed of the respective amounts. We hope that the Grand Lodge, in consideration of our limited means, will reduce as much as possible these expenses.

"I send the cordial greetings of the Swiss Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States."

GRAND ANNUAL MOVABLE COMMITTEE, MANCHESTER UNITY, I. O. O. F., ENGLAND.

The subject of "a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders" (the M. U. and the G. L. of U. S.), has been noticed elsewhere in this report, and I now present the full text of the official correspondence with the M. U. authorities, as follows:

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Baltimore, Dec. 1, 1877.

JAMES SPRY, Esq.,
Prov. C. Secretary, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F.,
Balmoral House, Plymouth, England:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to have received from you a copy of Quarterly Report of Board of Directors, October 1, 1877, for which please accept my fraternal thanks.

While writing, allow me to say that I send you copy of the last Annual Report of the Grand Officers of the R. W. G. L. of U. S. and the Proceedings of that Grand Body, from which you will perceive that the Grand Sire and Grand C. and R. Secretary are charged with the duty of negotiating with the G. M. and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity upon the important subject suggested by the latter body to it in relation to some satisfactory mode of interchanging visitations between Subordinate Lodges under the two jurisdictions.

Yours fraternally,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Baltimore, December 4, 1877.

JOHN SCHOFIELD, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary p. t. of G. Master and Board of Directors,
Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., England:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the Revised Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the G. M. and Board of Directors, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F. You will perceive upon examining the various subjects discussed and decided by that honorable body, that the matter submitted from your Board in reference to a system of social and Lodge visitations between your Order and the American Order, has been favorably received and referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary to agree with your Board upon a suitable plan, to be reported to the next session of the G. L. of U. S. The undersigned, therefore, very respectfully submit to your Board, that they cordially cooperate in the suggestion which has been made for a reciprocal and mutual Lodge visitation and interchange of fraternal salutations, and will do all on their part to facilitate and harmonize in such purpose, provided a satisfactory and feasible plan can be suggested. They, therefore, very respectfully submit, that they are ready to receive any views on that subject which you may have to propose, and to give them their earnest and friendly consideration. Believing that there should exist between these two great organizations in the interest of humanity, the most cordial relations, and that in fact they ought never to have been separated, they will readily unite with the mother Order in any feasible means of accomplishing the object proposed.

Yours fraternally,
J. W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,
MANCHESTER UNITY, FRIENDLY SOCIETY,
Bradford, Yorkshire, England, December 20, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Revised Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the G. M. and Directors of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., for which, on their behalf, I beg to thank you.

I have noticed in the reports the subject referred to in your letter, and the decision come to by your honorable body in reference to some system of social and Lodge or members visitations between the two Orders, and am of opinion if something could be done whereby members of your honorable Order coming to England could visit the Lodges here, and our members going over to your country were allowed to visit the Lodges in America, I feel certain it would create a feeling of fraternal and brotherly love.

I will lay your communication and the Proceedings before the G. M. and Directors at their next meeting, for them to report what you have done in the matter to the next A. M. C., which will be held at Exeter in Whitsun week.

With my best wishes for the continued success of your great Order, believe me, Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN SCHOFIELD, *Cor. Sec. M. U.*

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,
Baltimore, January 8, 1878.

JOHN SCHOFIELD, Esq.,
Cor. Secretary, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours of the 20th of December, 1877, has been received. I concur with you in the opinion which you express, that if a satisfactory plan could be devised for mutual visitations by the members of the Lodges under your jurisdiction and ours, it would promote the cause of Odd Fellowship at large. No argument, it appears to me, is necessary to establish this fact. Our combined force now exceeds a million; our position in society constitutes a moral power, which is felt in the community as one of the great forces of the masses. The talent and influence which it exerts, superadded, strengthen our arms immeasurably. In the cause of humanity, improved civilization, and general benevolence which follow, who shall say what such an alliance would accomplish! If you feel such an interest in the subject as its importance challenges, send a Commissioner to us charged with power to enter into and conclude a treaty on the subject with us. He will be cordially and fraternally received. Yours truly,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Secretary.*

ODD FELLOWS' OFFICES, 97 GROSVENOR STREET, CHORLTON-ON-MEDLOCK,
Manchester, England, February 18, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have submitted the correspondence received from you upon the question of a mutual arrangement of visitations between the members of the respective Orders in the two Hemispheres, to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, England. They desire to express their best wishes to the Grand Sire, yourself, and the members of your Order, and to inform you that the correspondence will be brought before the next A. M. C. of our Order. Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN SCHOFIELD, *Cor. Secretary,* Bradford, Yorkshire.

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,

Baltimore, March 2, 1878.

JOHN SCHOFIELD, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F.,
97 Grosvenor Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, England:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours of February 18th has been received. You state that you have submitted the correspondence received from me upon the question of a mutual arrangement of visitations between the members of the respective Orders in the two Hemispheres to the G. M. and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, England. Allow me to express my satisfaction that you have given this subject an evident earnest of business attention and promptitude. I am happy to receive the kind wishes of the G. M. and Board of Directors for the G. Sire, myself, and the Order at large, and desire cordially to reciprocate them.

Yours very truly,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Secretary.*

The meeting of the Annual Movable Committee was, it is presumed, held as usual on Whit-Monday, June 10, 1878. After waiting some weeks for information on the subject, which the Cor. Secretary advised in his letter of February 18th would be presented to the attention of that body, the following was transmitted:

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,

Baltimore, July 20, 1878.

JOHN SCHOFIELD, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary, Bradford, Yorkshire, England:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your favor of February 18th last, you inform me that the correspondence relating to mutual visitations will be brought before the next A. M. C. of your Order.

Allow me at this time to express my earnest hope that your Annual Movable Committee has considered this subject with all the intelligent calmness and liberality which its magnitude and importance invites. The influence which every step taken in this direction may exert on the two great Orders of Odd Fellows in the two Hemispheres, in view of the vital interests involved, is highly important.

Let me hear of the action had by your A. M. C. on the subject, in order that I may report officially to the G. L. of U. S., which assembles at Austin, State of Texas, September 16, 1878.

Yours, fraternally,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Secretary.*

Nothing further on this subject has been received from the authorities of the Manchester Unity, but a letter from Bro. E. ISAAC BAEZA, dated Barbados, July 27th, has the following: "I notice by the English newspapers, that the Annual Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity gave the Board of Directors further powers in relation to the intercommunion of the two Orders."

We have received from Bro. JAMES SPRY, Prov. Cor. Secretary, Plymouth District, the quarterly reports of the Board of Directors, October 1, 1877, and April 1, 1878. From the latter we learn, that January 1, 1878, the M. Unity had 526,802 members, an increase of 8,432 for the year 1877. Travelers were relieved at 6,128 places, at an expenditure of $1,305.00, an average payment of $5.00 per member.

LIBRARY.

Few volumes have been added to the library during the year; as heretofore stated the want of some of the Journals of Grand Bodies, making it in-

advisable to have the Proceedings bound until the sets can be completed. The importance of preserving in the archives of the G. L. the entire printed records of the several jurisdictions has been so frequently urged, that I deem it unnecessary to add anything further.

The catalogue is continued as follows:

BOUND VOLUMES.

Per report 1877, page 7255, volumes 329

Received during the year :

Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Kentucky, Annual Session, October, 1877; octavo, pp. 2983–3123; presented by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky 1

Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the State of Kentucky, Annual Session, October, 1877; octavo, pp. 825–872; presented by the Grand Encampment of Kentucky 1

Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Utah, 1874 to 1878 inclusive; octavo, pp. 346; presented by the Grand Lodge of Utah 1

Minutes of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New Jersey, Vol. 2 (1868–1877); pp. 1–678; presented by the Grand Encampment of New Jersey 1

The Odd Fellows' Companion, Columbus, Ohio, Vols. 19 and 20, August, 1876—July, 1877; octavo, pp. 768, and Vols. 21 and 22, August, 1877—July, 1878; octavo, pp. 768. 2

Der Odd Fellow. Organ Der Odd Fellow Logen Deutschlands und der Schweiz. Officiell für die Districts-Gross-Loge von Sachsen, Redigirt von Br. W. HARTMANN. Vol. 1, No. 1, October 8, 1876—No. 24. September 23, 1877; quarto, pp. 192; presented by EUGENE GRIMM, publisher, Leipzig 1

History of Odd Fellowship in Maine. Published by order of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment; octavo, pp. 356; presented by the Grand Lodge of Maine 1

The Story of the Great Fire in St. John, New Brunswick, June 20, 1877; by GEORGE STEWART, Jr., of St. John, N. B.; duodecimo, pp. 278. Presented to JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., with fraternal and grateful regards of the Odd Fellows of Saint John, N. B. GILBERT MURDOCK, Grand Master; R. RADFORD BARNES, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.; JOHN E. HUGHES, P. G., Executive Relief Committee, I. O. O. F. Presented by Grand Secretary RIDGELY to the library of the G. L. of U. S. 1

Catalogue of Books in the Library of the I. O. O. F., of the City of Baltimore, 1877; octavo, pp. 172; presented by the Board of Directors ... 1

Odd Fellowship Illustrated in an address delivered before the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, by TAL. P. SHAFFNER, LL.D., P. G. Rep.; quarto, morocco, gilt, pp. 398; presented by G. Rep. SHAFFNER at the session, September, 1877 (Journal, 7454) 1

History of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., (Ohio,) from March 29, 1847, to March 29, 1877; by P. G. JOHN GOULD. Published by order of the Lodge; octavo, morocco, gilt, pp. 150; presented by JOHN GOULD, at the session, September, 1877 (Journal, 7359) 1

Familiar Quotations, by JOHN BARTLETT; duodecimo, pp. 864 1

Dictionary of Select and Popular Quotations; duodecimo, pp. 312 1

The City Hall, Baltimore, History of Construction and Dedication; large quarto, cloth, gilt, pp. 168; presented by the City Librarian 1

The Independent Odd Fellow, Richmond, Virginia, Vol. 1, June, 1841—April, 1842; octavo, full Russia, pp. 288 1

We are indebted to Bro. J. GRISWOLD, P. G. Rep. and P. G. Marshal, for the following:

The Odd Fellow, Boston, 1851–2; Vol. 12, Nos. 19–23, Vol. 13, and Vol. 14, Nos. 1–20, folio 1

Connecticut Odd Fellow, Hartford, 1848, Vol. 1, Nos. 27–52; Vol. 2, Nos. 1–14; quarto..... 1
Odd Fellows' Journal, Philadelphia, 1869–72; quarto..... 1

Total volumes.....348

MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Constitution and By-Laws of The Shakespeare Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, Instituted, December 23, 1806; Revived, December 23, 1818; New York, printed by G. SINGLETON, 1819, pp. 12; presented by JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. Representative.

Constitution and By-Laws of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of Independent Odd Fellows; instituted, Jan. 27, 1821; New York, 1821, pp. 24; presented by JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. Rep.

Seventh Annual Report of the I. O. O. F. Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia, January 1, 1878, pp. 10.

Fiftieth Semi-Annual Report of the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco, California, July 8, 1877—January 6, 1878, pp. 28; and Fifty-first Semi-Annual Report, January 6, 1878—July 7, 1878, pp. 28.

Twenty-third Annual Report of the Odd Fellows' Library Association of the City and County of San Francisco for 1877–8, pp. 26.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, January 16, 1878, pp. 26.

Historical Review; read by CHARLES B. MOORES, at the twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Salem, Oregon, December 6, 1877.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society; Quarterly Report, October 1, 1877, pp. 152; and April 1, 1878, pp. 160; from Bro. JAMES SPRY, Prov. Cor. Secretary, Plymouth District, England.

Congressional Directory for the Forty-fifth Congress, corrected to October 18, 1877. From Bro. R. B. NIXON, P. G., Washington, D. C.

Proceedings of the Twelfth Great Sun Session of the Great Council of California, Improved Order of Red Men, San Francisco, July, 1877, pp. 72.

Journal of Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1877, pp. 140.

Reports of the Grand Officers and Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, embracing the first ten years of Odd Fellowship in Ohio, by H. P. GRAVATT, pp. 130.

Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools of Baltimore, pp. 84.

JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES RECEIVED.

Grand Lodges.

Alabama, February and March, 1878; pp. 1269–1324.
Arkansas, October, 1877; pp. 61–124.
Australia, August, 1877; pp. 1–114.
British Columbia, February, 1878; pp. 95–122.
California, May, 1878; pp. 795–1060.
Chile. *Want* 1877 *and* 1878.
Colorado, October, 1877; pp. 623–710.
Connecticut, May, 1878; pp. 299–348.
Dakota, October, 1877; pp. 123–176.
Delaware, October, 1877; pp. 1369–1468.
District of Columbia, 1876 and 1877; pp. 93–178.
Florida. *Want* 1878.
Georgia, August, 1877; pp. 311–372.
Germany: German Empire, August, 1877; pp. 1–188.
Brandenburg, July, 1877; pp. 1–50. July, 1878; pp. 1–50. *Want* 1875 *and* 1876.

Hannover, July, 1878; pp. 1–36. *Want* 1877.
Saxony. *Want all Proceedings.*
Württemberg. *Want* 1875, 1877, *and* 1878.
Illinois, October, 1877; pp. 221–458.
Indiana, November, 1877; pp. 283–466. May, 1878; pp. 467–608.
Iowa, October, 1877; pp. 335–456.
Kansas, October, 1877; pp. 1861–2076.
Kentucky, October, 1877; pp. 2983–3124 (bound volume).
Louisiana, January, 1878; pp. 1377–1480.
Lower Provinces, August, 1877; pp. 63–136.
Maine, July, 1855; pp. 243–268. August, 1857; pp. 289–322. August, 1877; pp. 1037–1124.
Maryland, April, 1878; pp. 271–398.
Massachusetts, August, 1877; pp. 943–1074. February, 1878; pp. 1–182. May and August, 1878; pp. 183–296.
Michigan, February, 1878; pp. 1–200.
Minnesota, June, 1878; pp. 1–68.
Mississippi, July, 1877; pp. 1–106. *Want* 1875 *and* 1878.
Missouri, May, 1876; pp. 377–486. May, 1878; pp. 1–162.
Montana, April, 1878; pp. 1–80.
Nebraska. *Want* 1877.
Nevada, June, 1877; pp. 1151–1238. *Want* 1878.
New Hampshire, October, 1877; pp. 769–856.
New Jersey, November, 1877; pp. 173–340.
New York, August, 1877; pp. 1–248.
New Zealand, September, 1877; pp. 1–60.
North Carolina, May, 1878; pp. 1–114.
Ohio, May, 1878; pp. 1911–2216.
Ontario, August, 1877; pp. 1827–2078.
Oregon, May, 1878; pp. 3103–3240.
Pennsylvania, November, 1877; pp. 599–732. May, 1878; pp. 1–146.
Rhode Island, February and August, 1875; pp. 475–660. February and August, 1877; pp. 208–362. February and August, 1878; pp. 363–536.
South Carolina. *Want* 1877 *and* 1878.
Switzerland, 1875, 1876, 1877 (newspaper). April, 1878; pp. 1–46.
Tennessee, October, 1877; pp. 2129–2238.
Texas, February, 1878; pp. 1238–1372.
Utah, April, 1878; pp. 283–346 (in bound volume).
Vermont, February, 1876; pp. 1–68. February, 1877; pp. 70–149. February, 1878; pp. 150–233.
Virginia, April, 1878; pp. 1–80.
West Virginia, October, 1877; pp. 1055–1184.
Wisconsin, December, 1877; pp. 2629–2806.
Wyoming, October, 1877; pp. 45–90.

Grand Encampments.

Alabama, February, 1878; pp. 251–268.
Arkansas. *Want all Proceedings.*
California, May, 1878; pp. 1461–1554.
Colorado, October, 1875; pp. 85–114. *Want* 1877.
Connecticut, October, 1877; pp. 609–636.
Delaware. *Want* 1876 *and* 1877.
District of Columbia, Year 1877; pp. 303–328.
Georgia, August, 1877; pp. 187–202. *Want* 1878.
Illinois, October, 1877; pp. 69–144.
Indiana, November, 1877; pp. 89–132. May, 1878; pp. 133–172.
Iowa, October, 1877; pp. 301–336.
Kansas, October, 1875; pp. 271–312. March, 1878; pp. 443–496.
Kentucky, October, 1877; pp. 825–872.
Louisiana. *Want* 1861 to 1873, 1876, 1877, and 1878.
Maine, August, 1877; pp. 371–432.

Maryland, May and October, 1877; pp. 47–116.
Massachusetts, August, 1877; pp. 301–364. July, 1878; pp. 365–440.
Michigan, February, 1876; pp. 685–762. February, 1877; pp. 1–118. February, 1878; pp. 1–74.
Minnesota, June, 1877, and June, 1878; pp. 97–136.
Mississippi, July, 1877. *Want* 1878.
Missouri, May, 1878; pp. 45-92.
Nebraska. *Want* 1877.
Nevada, June, 1875; pp. 1–46. June, 1876; pp. 47–96. June, 1878; pp. 137–204.
New Hampshire, October, 1877; pp. 343–372.
New Jersey, November, 1877; pp. 621–678.
New York, February, 1878; pp. 51–146. *Want* 1876 *and* 1877.
North Carolina, May, 1878; pp. 1–20.
Ohio, May, 1878; pp. 1487–1572.
Ontario, August, 1876; pp. 203–254. July, 1877; pp. 257–314. *Want* 1878.
Oregon, May, 1876; pp. 53–96. May, 1877; pp. 1–26. May, 1878; pp. 1–32.
Pennsylvania, November, 1877, and May, 1878; pp. 373–504.
Rhode Island, March, 1878; pp. 455–518.
South Carolina. *Want all Proceedings.*
Tennessee, October, 1877; pp. 755–798.
Texas, February, 1877; pp. 465–526. February, 1878; pp. 527–584.
Vermont, February, 1878; pp. 1–44.
Victoria, August, 1877 (with Journal of G. L. of Australia).
Virginia, April, 1878; pp. 1–40.
West Virginia, October, 1877; pp. 335–356.
Wisconsin, December, 1877; pp. 801–886.

The Journals noted as wanted are generally those of sessions since 1874. Those of previous years, required to complete sets, are specified on pages 6064 and 6065 of Journal of 1874, a very few which have been received.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

The Companion and American Odd Fellow, Columbus, Ohio; octavo, monthly, October, 1877—August, 1878. (See bound volumes.)

The Odd Fellows' Talisman, Indianapolis, Indiana; octavo, monthly, October, 1877—August, 1878.

New Age, San Francisco, California; weekly, Vol. 13, No. 35, September 1, 1877—Vol. 14, No. 35, August 31, 1878.

Der Fuhrer (German), New York; weekly, Vol. 5, No. 23, September 7, 1877—Vol. 6, No. 22, August 30, 1878.

The Odd Fellows' Chronicle, Centreville (now Greenfield), Indiana; weekly, Vol. 4, No. 42, Sept. 1, 1877—Vol. 5, No. 31, August 31, 1878. No. 47 of Vol. 4, Nov. 3, 1877; Nos. 2, Dec. 22, 3, Dec. 29, 1877, 4, Jan. 5, 8, Feb. 2, 1878, of Vol. 5, *failed to reach this office.*

The Mystic Jewel, Cincinnati, Ohio; bi-weekly, Vol. 7, No. 15, September 15, 1877—No. 35, August 15, 1878.

The Odd Fellows' Register, Providence, Rhode Island, weekly, Vol. 1, No. 1, Nov. 3, 1877—No. 34, August 28, 1878.

Herz und Hand (German), Berlin, Prussia; semi-monthly, Vol. 6, No. 23, August 27, 1877—Vol. 7, No. 22, August 15, 1878.

Der Odd Fellow (German), Leipzig, Germany; semi-monthly, Vol. 2, Nos. 1–22, October 14, 1877—August 25, 1878. (See bound volumes.)

Occasional numbers of the Odd Fellows' Banner, Michigan Odd Fellow, The Guardian, and The Southern Odd Fellow, have been received, and Nos. 9–12 of Volume 1, and Nos. 1–6 of Vol. 2, October, 1877, to July, 1878, of the Knights' Sword and Helmet, published at Fort Madison, Iowa.

We are indebted to Bro. J. GRISWOLD, P. G. Rep. and P. G. Marshal, for a large number of magazines and newspapers of the Order, many of which will be valuable in completing the imperfect files in the office. It is thought unnecessary to present a detailed list of the collection.

WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA. See report of Special Commissioner.

UNITY LODGE, No. 8, instituted at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 29, 1877, by G. VAREY, P.G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of nine brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

RANIER LODGE, No. 11, instituted at New Tacoma, Washington Territory, February 9, 1878, by H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of six brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

SNOHOMISH LODGE, No. 12, instituted at Snohomish, Washington Territory, April 23, 1878, by H. G. STRUVE, P.G.M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of five brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 13, instituted at Port Gamble, Washington Territory, June 17, 1878, by H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of five brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

COLFAX LODGE, No. 14, instituted at Colfax, Washington Territory, June 13, 1878, by E. L. POWELL, P.G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of eight brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

ERIN SPRINGS LODGE, No. 4, instituted at Erin Springs, Indian Territory, June 29, 1878, by ISRAEL W. STONE, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of six brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

DENMARK LODGE, No. 1, instituted at Copenhagen, Kingdom of Denmark, Europe, June 29, 1878, by J. C. PRAETORIUS, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of five brothers holding Withdrawal Cards.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 2 (Charter granted at last session), was instituted January 17, 1878, at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Europe, by F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire of the G. L. of G. E., Special Deputy Grand Sire.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATES.

The annual reports from Encampments and Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have generally been transmitted with commendable promptness. It will be seen, however, by referring to the correspondence and the tables accompanying this report, that Arizona Lodge, No. 1, at Prescott, Arizona; Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, London, England; North Star Lodge, No. 2, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Valparaiso, Chile; Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, England; Milicete Encampment, No. 11, St. John, N. B.; Harmony Encampment, No. 1, Winnipeg, Manitoba, have failed to report.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF STATE GRAND BODIES.

A reference to the correspondence will show the date of the reception of the several reports, and I do not deem it necessary to again repeat what I have so often urged concerning the importance of a prompt transmission of the returns, to avoid the necessity of changing the figures in the tables after they have been carefully prepared and sent to the printer. Such alterations are required every year by the delay of one or more reports to reach this office until August or September. The tables show that with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Chile, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, returns have been received from all the Subordinate Grand Bodies.

DEATHS.

The mortality in this Grand Body has been unusually large during the current year. Among the names on the roll will be recognized some of our most zealous and useful, as well as life-long laborers and devoted members. All have been eminent in the service of the Order, and have endeared their memories for marked interest in the cause.

We have been advised of the demise of the following Representatives, P.G. Representatives, and P. G. Officers since last we met, viz.:

Royal G. Millard, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of New York, November 15, 1877, aged 60 years.

Joseph D. Trapp, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, November 22, 1877.

Joseph S. Jones, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 29, 1877.

Wm. Stedman, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, January 9, 1878, aged 70 years.

Peter Fritz, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, August 9, 1878, aged 77 years.

Albert Case, P. D. G. Sire and P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, aged 69 years.

St. John Goodrich, G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, January 16, 1878, aged 68 years.

Wm. L. G. Smith, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, February 12, 1878.

John H. Phillips, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, March 1, 1878, aged 64 years.

Samuel W. Bond, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, August 1, 1878, aged 69 years.

Wiley Williams, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, April, 1878.

Rudolph Aschmann, G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, March 18, 1878.

Besides these we have had notice of the death, previous to the last session, of Charles Perkins, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, August 26, 1877, aged 67 years; and Stevens S. Jones, P. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, March 15, 1877.

All were illustrious senators of the Order in their day and generation, and of each, their surviving Representatives will take occasion to make honorable mention at the appropriate time and place.

There remains however to be added to the honorable death-roll the names of two distinguished members, whose services to the Order claim at our hands special notice, as eminent co-laborers in our great cause.

Bro. Nathan Porter, Representative of the Grand Encampment of California, and Bro. Frederick D. Stuart, P. G. Sire, have each deceased since last we met in this Grand Body. The comparatively sudden taking off of these two brethren, the one at his post of official duty as an honored senator of California, at the city of Sacramento, January 6, 1878; the other at his home in the city of Washington, D. C., January 25, 1878, honored and beloved by his brethren and fellow-citizens, was flashed across the continent almost contemporaneously by the telegraph, diffusing sincere sorrow at the severity of the calamity inflicted by the removal of two illustrious actors from our general field of benefaction.

Never since the death of the Great Founder has the Order received a more severe and all pervading shock!

Death is at all times the terrific enemy of life. A mighty power, he rules with inexorable law, sparing from his desolating sweep none of the children of men.

Generations of the race have appeared and disappeared on this beautiful earth, and will continue to disappear from its face under his *fiat*. God has so ordained it! It belongs to existence! Death is, and ever will be, inseparable from life. It is the antagonist of life. Without death there can be no life, hence philosophically, logically, and spiritually, they are inseparable. The terms are correlative. Death is always present, although mankind shuns its appearance, and seldom dwells upon the event until it, as in the instance before us, arrests attention, commands a check abruptly to the business of life, and the cherished plans and relations of men. How sad the contemplation, yet how admirable in this connection the just law of

compensation, that God has implanted immortality in the soul of man, which shall live always, and that death is not more certain, than is that future life which beyond controversy, consoles, comforts, and uplifts the stricken and bereaved, and reconciles to the sting of death.

Our brothers who have departed, although dead, are alive; let us rejoice that the same law which exacts the death of the body, assures endless life in another and better world. Yet in the death of illustrious men, humanity mourns, whilst experience registers the sacred monition upon the dial of time, that "in the midst of life we are in death."

Our dearly beloved brethren, as Odd Fellows, had thoroughly grasped and approved its system. They had each drank deeply at its crystal fountain, were profoundly imbued with its philosophy, and were each Odd Fellows in spirit and in truth, not alone in name.

In this connection several incidents intimately connected with the death and memory of our illustrious departed brethren worthy of commemoration are annexed.

One is a presentation to the G. L. of U. S. by SAMUEL YORKE ATLEE, P. G. Rep., of a beautiful cabinet-size photograph of Bro. NATHAN PORTER, G. Rep. of the Grand Encampment of California, with accompanying remarks; another is a communication from Bro. A. O. H. P. SEHORN, P. G. Rep. of Tennessee, to the G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary, of the proceedings of Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 14, of Tennessee, in testimony of its high appreciation and admiration of the life and character of our deceased brother, FREDERICK D. STUART, P. G. Sire; another is a floral memorial from the coffin of our beloved deceased brother STUART, preserved in enduring form and presented by Bro. J. T. GIVEN, G. Rep. of the District of Columbia, which now mournfully graces the Grand Secretary's office.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 7, 1878.

DEAR BROTHER RIDGELY:

The Order has reason to deplore the death of Bro. NATHAN PORTER.

Diligent in his vocation, zealous in Odd Fellowship, without reproach in his domestic relations, unblemished in his morals, and absolutely free from any vicious or degrading habit, he was, as an upright and useful citizen, excelled by none of his contemporaries.

As a legislator and administrator he was sagacious and skilful, and the parliamentary annals of Rhode Island and of California and the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States prove the industry, punctuality, and fidelity with which he discharged his duties.

The Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of which body he was for eight years a continuous member, display innumerable evidences of the force of his abilities and of the influence of his character; and exhibit in his honor, an official and personal biography which hardly any one has equaled and which no one has surpassed.

While his colleagues and his associates survive, no monument is required to keep his virtues in remembrance; but when all who have known our deceased brother shall have followed him to the grave, posterity will seek some bodily portraiture of one who had done the Order so much service; and to gratify that desire, I offer, through you, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, this likeness of Bro. PORTER.

It was a gift from him to me, and while he lived, I should never have parted with it; but his death, although enhancing its value, admonishes me that my custody of it is uncertain; and that, before it be too late, I should find for it a permanent and more appropriate place of deposit. With that view I offer it to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in whose gallery of distinguished Odd Fellows it will, I trust, be an ornament from generation to generation. Respectfully, and in F., L. & T.,

SAMUEL YORKE ATLEE.

MURFREESBOROUGH, TENN., Feb. 20, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGEY, *Gr. Cor. and Rec. Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Strangers' Refuge Lodge. No. 14, I. O. O. F., appointed me as a committee of one to correspond with you in relation to the action of said Lodge, on learning of the death of Past Grand Sire STUART; you will therefore accept this as a sufficient apology for this communication.

Under the head of "The Good of the Order," P. G. Rep. SEHORN spoke as follows:

"Although we know that death is the inevitable lot of us all, yet it is sad to contemplate the death of the great and noble hearted, and ever faithful workers for the advancement of American Odd Fellowship. There is not an Odd Fellow, old or young, high or low, in our beloved Order, that has not heard of the untiring zeal and great work done for Odd Fellowship by FREDERICK D. STUART, P. G. Sire; but alas! his noble spirit has taken wings, and his earthly form lies still and pulseless in the grave.

"He died in Washington, D. C., January 25th. Although he is dead, yet his noble works are left as monuments, more enduring than any granite shaft erected by man. His efforts in behalf of American Odd Fellowship will be felt by the yet unborn millions of our race, and therefore, as a slight token of the high esteem in which P. G. Sire STUART was held by the members of this Lodge, be it

"*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our distinguished and deceased brother.

"*Resolved*, That P. G. Rep. SEHORN be appointed a committee of one to convey the foregoing to Grand Secretary RIDGELY, and request him to communicate the same to the children of Bro. STUART."

May God bless you and yours, my dear brother, is the wish of yours,

A. O. H. P. SEHORN, *Committee.*

A beautifully engrossed tribute to the memory of P. G. Sire STUART has been presented to the G. L. of U. S. by Potomac Lodge, No. 38, Alexandria, Virginia, and will be appropriately framed and carefully preserved.

DROPPING OR SUSPENDING FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

This has been a source of serious loss of membership for many years, and particularly of late, caused, doubtless in a great degree, by the depressed and deranged condition of commerce and the industries of the country. Some effort should be made to check this growing drain upon the Order, by legislation which will mitigate the stringency of our existing laws, yet will not interfere with their necessary and proper enforcement. Few are aware of the actual loss incurred through this channel, and the figures when aggregated are simply appalling.

By reference to the tables found in the Journals of the G. L. of U. S., from 1866 to 1877 inclusive, pages 3907, 4103, 4280, 4530, 4777, 5083, 5367, 5670, 6088, 6090, 6440, 6441, 6444, 6445, 6836, 6837, 6840, 6841, 7286, 7287, 7290, 7291, and the present report of the G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary, it will be found that 280,458 brothers have been *suspended.* The Grand Lodge of Ohio failed to report, in 1866 and 1867, the number suspended, but referring to the Journal of that Grand Body, I find Journal of 1866, page 14, "dropped 816," and Journal of 1867, page 24, "dropped 815," which makes the total number of suspensions from July 1, 1865, to December 31, 1877 (twelve years and six months), 282,089, nearly one-third of the entire number initiated since 1830. The same tables show that 58,076 members were reinstated, and others have doubtless renewed their connection with the Order through the medium of "Dismissal Certificates," but as only 18,700 of such certificates have been issued from this office, if *all* had been used in that way (a very improbable conclusion), the fact remains that 205,313 members suspended within the period of thirteen years have been lost to the Order.

Without making a particular calculation of the ratio of "reinstatements" to "suspensions" it may be stated in general terms that for the years 1865–

1866, they amounted to nearly *one-half;* for 1867 and 1868 to about *one-third;* for 1869, '70, and '71, to about *one-fourth;* for 1872, to about *one-fifth;* for 1873, '4, and '5, to about *one-sixth;* for 1876, to about *one-seventh;* for 1877, to about *one-eighth;* the suspensions in 1877 being 41,804; the reinstatements, 5,058, or a fraction more than 12 per cent. For the year ending June 30, 1866, the suspensions, including 816 in Ohio, were 6,731, and the reinstatements 3,213, being about $47\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

The subject is one of vital character, and demands thorough examination and careful decision. Our attention has been invited to this important matter, especially by our worthy brother SCHUYLER COLFAX, P.G. Representative, whose views, so clearly expressed, are worthy of the earnest attention of this Grand Lodge. From his letter, dated South Bend, Aug. 10, 1878, I quote the following:

"All Odd Fellows have witnessed with regret, that during the past few years our losses of those dropped from membership for non-payment of dues have been so large, and it is evident enough without argument, that the steadily increasing stringency of the times for the past five years has been the most potential cause for the losses. A member finds it difficult to pay his dues promptly and also all his family expenses. He falls in arrears; first loses his right to benefits, then becomes irregular in attendance, and when the year expires is dropped from membership, losing his former interest in the Lodge, and is thus, in a large majority of cases, lost entirely to the Order.

"It has seemed to me that many out of this one or two hundred thousand dropped Odd Fellows might again become contributing and working members in good standing, if a simultaneous and earnest effort in that direction was made throughout the jurisdiction, and this conviction has been strengthened by the well-known fact that the prosperity of the Order in California can be traced back to the facilities the G. L. of U. S. gave for the readmission into the Order there of the thousands of Eastern brethren, who going thither for gold and unable to attend Lodges regularly, had become, without any offence against our laws, *Ancient Odd Fellows.*

"If this strikes you favorably, your long experience in the administration of our laws would suggest to your mind the proper method of bringing about the auspicious result contemplated in this fraternal letter; but if you were to ask me what I would advise, I would suggest, as one out of several plans, to authoritatively recommend to the Subordinate Lodges, that between New Year's and our Sixtieth Anniversary, they notify every ex-Odd Fellow within their jurisdiction, who has been dropped for no other cause than non-payment of dues (and I would add all who had dropped out from expiration of final card), that the Lodge by a waiver of the law limitating their reinstation within one year from their suspension, would consider an application for restoration, if accompanied by the payment of one year's dues. The Order would thus take the initiative, and open the door through which many would return, who might feel it difficult to take the initiative themselves.

"Lecturing over the country from New England to California, I have conversed with so many ex-Odd Fellows, who have told me they did not apply for restoration because the year had expired, or because the Lodge did not seem to feel any further interest in them, I am quite sure, if some such plan as I have indicated received the favorable sanction of the G. L. of U. S., a large proportion of these brethren could be restored to our rolls as working members, a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

"Excuse these suggestions, prompted only by earnest interest in the prosperity of our Order."

TRANSLATION OF THE RITUAL INTO FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

As heretofore stated in this report, at the last session the Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary were authorized to have the manuscript translation of the ritual in the Holland language, presented by D. D. G. Sire OSTHEIM, "thoroughly and critically examined, and when

found to be correct, that the same be printed." The Grand Lodge also authorized a translation into the Bohemian language and a new translation into the French language, "to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translations to be reported to the next session." On this important subject I have to report, that shortly after the close of the last session, Bro. OSTHEIM requested a return of the manuscript furnished by him, for the purpose of revising and correcting the same. The translation was accordingly mailed to him, and was duly received and acknowledged. As appears by the correspondence, he returned the manuscript of the charge book on the 20th of April, and it is now presented to the Grand Lodge. No steps have been taken to have the work printed, because of the incapacity of the Grand Officers to cause the same to be critically examined and its merits passed upon.

A translation of the charge book into the Bohemian language was transmitted by Rep. HASKINS, of New York, and is herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge.

On the last day of the session of 1877 (Journal, 7511), a German translation was received from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and the same is herewith presented to the Grand Lodge.

Normanna Lodge, No. 260, La Crosse, Wisconsin, proposes to furnish, in time for presentation at this session, a translation into the Norwegian language.

It is respectfully suggested that a proper compensation be voted to procure translations of the ritual into such foreign languages as may be thought proper, and that the scholarship, character, and standing of the author be deemed a satisfactory guaranty of the fidelity and sufficiency of the work when performed, to which end no person be employed except avouched for as amply proficient for the purpose.

LIFE INSURANCE.

I deem it my duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the several communications on the subject of "life insurance," "endowments," or "enlarged funeral benefits," as the matter is referred to under these several heads by Grand Secretaries. It is asserted that new institutions possessing the feature of assuring by the Grand or Supreme Body, to the family of a member, a stipulated sum in the event of his death, are making serious inroads upon the ranks of the Order. The failure of a number of incorporated life insurance companies has doubtless given an impetus to insurance of this character, as members who have suffered by the collapse of the companies to which they had contributed for years, believe their interests are safer in such institutions as our Order than in the hands of corporations that have too frequently proved unworthy of confidence.

The remarks of the Grand Secretaries of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ontario, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, deserve careful examination and consideration.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The complaint is general that Lodges of this degree are not meeting with the success that was hoped for when such bodies were authorized. Grand Secretaries advise of their inability to procure correct returns, and many abandon the task. The legislation authorizing Charters to be forfeited for failure to report has not been generally heeded, and Lodges though virtually defunct for years are still kept on the roll. With the exception of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, where anything is said on the subject it is asserted that there is no interest in the Lodges, and in many instances the project is pronounced a failure.

THE NEW DIPLOMA.

The steel plate for a new certificate of membership was completed early in April, and the following circular dated April 15, 1878, was issued:

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in 1875 authorized a new Diploma, or Certificate of Membership, to be prepared, but the committee deferred action on the same until about a year ago, when, in order to meet a pressing demand for a new Diploma, a contract was made for a certificate from an original design presented by Bro. Wm. H. Dougal, of Georgetown, D. C. The steel plate has been completed, and impressions from the same on heavy plate paper, 19x24 inches, will be ready for delivery on and after May 1, 1878.

The engraving is about 15x20 inches, and is thus described by Bro. Wm. H. Dougal, the artist:

"At the top, above all, is 'The All-seeing Eye;' immediately beneath it a shield with monogram 'F. L. T.,' encircled with the motto: 'Friendship, Love, Truth.' On the right and left of the shield are outspread wings, signifying Power and Dominion; they symbolize the universal spread and powerful protecting care of the Order.

"At the base on the right the genius of Odd Fellowship is represented Educating the Orphans, and on the left engaged in ministering to the Sick and Distressed. Above these figures are clusters of Palm and Olive branches, typical of Victory and Peace.

"All the emblems of the Order are beautifully and systematically displayed and grouped in the engraving."

This certificate is adapted for members of Lodges or Encampments, and is regarded, by those who have examined it, as a handsome specimen of the skill and taste of an accomplished artist, and it is believed will be generally acceptable to the members of the Order.

BOOK OF ODES WITH MUSIC.

The Committee on Printing Supplies, as authorized by the Grand Lodge, caused "the Odes as now prescribed to be printed with suitable music," and the work, a book of 48 pages, was ready for delivery in June. A variety of tunes are presented, and, so far as advised, the selection of music meets with general approval.

DIGEST.

I have heretofore suggested that the Grand Lodge now needs an entire new Digest of its laws. We ought to have a work that will present, in a compact and connected form, an entire Digest of our laws as they now exist. This should appear in a single volume, free from extraneous, repealed, modified, or obsolete subjects interpolated with the text, presenting the law as it is, distinctively and authoritatively. Instead of such a reliable system of jurisprudence, we have in the present Digest and Supplement a mass of repealed and modified law, made so by the necessity of continuously progressive legislation during many years, by which the Digest is loaded down, and the research for the correct law is often rendered as tedious and difficult as is the separation of wheat from the chaff. The Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary accordingly recommends the preparation of a new and appropriate Digest. The present work is condemned for no special fault. It has done good service in its day, and only now is required to give way to a better work, by reason of the circumstances of its position. The legislation has outgrown the situation, and can only be adequately adapted to the altered exigency by the publication of an entire new work. At the last session this subject was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies, who will present their views, and I respectfully suggest that a special committee be appointed to report at this session a plan for a new Digest or Code of existing laws.

FINANCES.

The tables exhibiting the details of the receipts for the year are herewith presented. The amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as appears by his report and the vouchers which will be handed to the Committee on Finance.

RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal*

GRAND LODGES.	Balance, Sept. 1, 1877.	Postage and Freight.	Charter.	Odes.	Cards.
Alabama	.....	$0 90	.....	$ 4 20	$ 6 60
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	12 50	90 00
British Columbia	$76 27	90	.....	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	.....	165 00	290 00
Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	2 35	.....	10 00	30 00
Connecticut	.....	65	.....	10 30	228 70
Dakota	.....	2 92	.....	3 50	32 75
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	5 00	60 00
District of Columbia	150 00	05	.....	1 25	21 95
Florida	77 48	50	.....	9 00	30 40
Georgia	.....	1 00	.....	.....	30 20
German Empire	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	84	.....	90 00	700 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	37 60	582 40
Iowa	.....	10	.....	37 18	500 00
Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 00
Kentucky	150 00	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Louisiana	.....	25	.....	6 25	20 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	.....	.....	10 00	20 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	35 00	366 50
Maryland	.....	.....	.....	7 50	55 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	780 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	50 00	380 00
Minnesota	.....	2 25	.....	14 90	120 40
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	2 50	13 70
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	25 00	360 00
Montana	.....	1 40	.....	.....	5 80
Nebraska	150 00	.....	.....	25 00	170 00
Nevada	.....	1 10	.....	5 00	1 40
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	539 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	25 00	300 00
New York	.....	.....	.....	117 00	676 00
North Carolina	.....	10	.....	.....	22 40
Ohio	.....	88	.....	95 20	920 15
Ontario	.....	.....	.....	15 00	270 00
Oregon	.....	2 40	.....	.....	117 60
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	90 00	740 00
Rhode Island	.....	50	.....	7 50	130 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Switzerland	114 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00
Texas	.....	1 00	.....	8 00	42 50
Utah	.....	1 80	.....	.....	20 20
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	1 75	59 80
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....
Washington	.....	.....	$30 00	.....	.....
West Virginia	150 00	30	.....	8 40	70 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	40 00	355 00
Wyoming	213 24	2 71	.....	3 00	23 80
	$1,080 99	$24 90	$30 00	$978 78	$9,477 25

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GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	$ 2 00	$15 80	.....	$29 50
Arkansas	.....	159 00	$150 00	411 50
British Columbia	.....	8 25	.....	85 42
California	10 00	275 00	150 00	890 00
Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	62 50	150 00	254 85
Connecticut	3 00	101 00	150 00	493 65
Dakota	.....	27 25	75 00	141 42
Delaware	.....	63 50	150 00	278 50
District of Columbia	.....	75	.....	174 00
Florida	22 00	28 50	75 00	242 88
Georgia	2 00	9 70	150 00	192 90
German Empire	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	15 00	234 50	150 00	1,190 34
Indiana	25 00	263 90	150 00	1,058 90
Iowa	.....	180 40	150 00	867 68
Kansas	.....	81 25	150 00	326 25
Kentucky	.....	.....	150 00	420 00
Louisiana	.....	21 00	150 00	197 50
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	82 50	150 00	262 50
Maine	.....	130 50	150 00	682 00
Maryland	3 50	36 45	150 00	252 45
Massachusetts	100 00	287 75	150 00	1,317 75
Michigan	2 00	294 50	150 00	876 50
Minnesota	.....	72 90	150 00	360 45
Mississippi	.....	7 25	150 00	173 45
Missouri	.....	122 50	150 00	657 50
Montana	.....	24 00	75 00	106 20
Nebraska	.....	89 50	150 00	584 50
Nevada	.....	7 50	150 00	165 00
New Hampshire	.....	173 75	150 00	862 75
New Jersey	5 00	119 25	150 00	599 25
New York	5 00	298 75	150 00	1,246 75
North Carolina	.....	27 50	150 00	200 00
Ohio	9 00	107 50	150 00	1,282 73
Ontario	12 50	108 50	150 00	556 00
Oregon	.....	120 00	150 00	390 00
Pennsylvania	50 00	288 75	150 00	1,318 75
Rhode Island	8 00	19 25	150 00	315 25
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
Switzerland	.....	15 00	.....	129 00
Tennessee	.....	12 50	.....	92 50
Texas	32 50	328 50	150 00	562 50
Utah	.....	3 00	75 00	100 00
Vermont	.....	11 50	150 00	223 05
Virginia	.....	36 50	150 00	187 75
Washington	.....	.....	.....	30 00
West Virginia	.....	28 40	150 00	407 10
Wisconsin	.....	205 00	150 00	750 00
Wyoming	1 00	12 50	.....	256 25
	$307 50	$4,603 80	$5,700 00	$22,203 22

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GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance, Sept. 1, 1877.	Postage and Freight.	Odes.	Cards.	Diplomas
Alabama					
Arkansas					
California					
Colorado					
Connecticut					
Delaware		$0 10			$0 50
District of Columbia	$75 00			$9 00	
Georgia	75 00				
Illinois		75	$2 50	100 00	6 00
Indiana				45 00	
Iowa				40 00	
Kansas					
Kentucky	150 00				
Louisiana					
Maine					
Maryland					3 00
Massachusetts				140 00	
Michigan					
Minnesota				9 60	
Mississippi					
Missouri				30 00	
Nebraska	75 00				
Nevada			25		
New Hampshire				150 00	
New Jersey			1 00		
New York	150 00			70 00	
North Carolina				1 00	
Ohio				167 00	
Ontario		1 20		28 80	
Oregon					
Pennsylvania				50 00	
Rhode Island					
South Carolina					
Tennessee				10 00	
Texas					
Vermont					
Victoria (Australia)					
Virginia					
West Virginia				20 00	
Wisconsin					
	$525 00	$2 05	$3 75	$870 40	$9 50

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GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Balance to Credit.	Total.
Alabama	$16 00	.....	.....	$16 00
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	10 00	$150 00	.....	160 00
Colorado	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Connecticut	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
Delaware	12 75	75 00	.....	88 35
District of Columbia	4 50	.....	.....	88 50
Georgia	.....	75 00	.....	150 00
Illinois	18 00	150 00	.....	277 25
Indiana	75 00	150 00	.....	270 00
Iowa	52 00	150 00	.....	242 00
Kansas	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Kentucky	.....	150 00	.....	300 00
Louisiana	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Maine	30 00	150 00	.....	180 00
Maryland	18 00	150 00	.....	171 00
Massachusetts	17 75	150 00	.....	307 75
Michigan	20 00	150 00	.....	170 00
Minnesota	24 00	75 00	.....	108 60
Mississippi	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Missouri	20 50	150 00	.....	200 50
Nebraska	16 00	75 00	.....	166 00
Nevada	24 75	75 00	$75 00	175 00
New Hampshire	.....	150 00	.....	300 00
New Jersey	.....	150 00	.....	151 00
New York	12 00	.....	.....	232 00
North Carolina	1 75	75 00	.....	77 75
Ohio	59 00	150 00	.....	376 00
Ontario	40 00	150 00	.....	220 00
Oregon	60 00	75 00	.....	135 00
Pennsylvania	12 00	150 00	.....	212 00
Rhode Island	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	10 00	.....	.....	20 00
Texas	54 00	150 00	.....	204 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....
Victoria (Australia)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
West Virginia	.....	75 00	.....	95 00
Wisconsin	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
	$608 00	$3,825 00	$75 00	$5,918 70

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.	Balance, Sept. 1, 1877.	Postage and Freight.	Charter.	Odes.	Cards.	Diplomas.
ARIZONA.						
Arizona.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK.						
Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN.						
Thomas Wildey.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	$3 00	.....
McAlister..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erin Springs..... " 4	.....	.....	$18 00	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA.						
Manitoba.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NETHERLANDS.						
Paradise.....No. 1	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....
Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	$0 05	.....	.....	3 00	.....
PERU.						
Lima.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	$97 50
Callao..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chalaco..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC.						
Mount Royal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	6 00	.....
St. Lawrence..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
Mizpah..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....
Duke of Edinburgh..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....
Albert..... " 5	.....	14	.....	3 36	5 50	.....
Beaver..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	75
Pioneer..... " 7	.....	50	.....	.....	4 25	.....
Unity..... " 8	.....	50	18 00	2 00	7 50	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Excelsior.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
New Castle.....No. 8	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Baker..... " 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patit..... "10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ranier..... "11	.....	3 00	18 00	.....	3 00	.....
Snohomish..... "12	.....	3 20	18 00	2 00	3 00	.....
Friendship..... "13	.....	3 51	18 00	2 00	6 00	.....
Colfax..... "14	.....	3 06	18 00	.....	.....	.....
Sundry Lodges.....	.....	97	.....	.....	.....	26 25
Individuals.....	.....	9 85	.....	.....	.....	80 50
	$10 00	$24 78	$126 00	$13 36	$115 00	$205 00

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.	Books.	Dues.	Balance to Credit.	Total.
ARIZONA.				
Arizona.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK.				
Denmark.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN.				
Thomas Wildey.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.				
Caddo.....No. 1	.....	$16 85	.....	$16 85
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	12 03	.....	15 03
McAlister..... " 3	.....	39 30	.....	39 30
Erin Springs..... " 4	$12 00	.....	.....	30 00
MANITOBA.				
Manitoba.....No. 1	.....	62 25	.....	62 25
North Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....
NETHERLANDS.				
Paradise.....No. 1	.....	13 00	.....	24 25
Mount Sinai..... " 2	12 00	.....	.....	30 00
NEW MEXICO.				
Paradise.....No. 1	1 00	54 05	.....	58 10
PERU.				
Lima.....No. 1	.....	42 03	.....	179 53
Callao..... " 2	.....	26 32	.....	26 32
Fortschritt..... " 3	.....	36 13	.....	36 13
Chalaco..... " 4	.....	91 36	.....	91 36
QUEBEC.				
Mount Royal.....No. 1	.....	106 30	.....	116 30
St. Lawrence..... " 2	.....	37 40	.....	40 40
Mizpah..... " 3	.....	88 26	.....	101 26
Duke of Edinburgh..... " 4	.....	35 47	.....	44 47
Albert..... " 5	.....	45 97	.....	54 97
Beaver..... " 6	.....	49 69	.....	57 94
Pioneer..... " 7	.....	63 43	.....	68 18
Unity..... " 8	15 00	23 20	.....	66 20
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Excelsior.....No. 1	.....	87 78	.....	87 78
Harmony..... " 2	.....	52 32	.....	52 32
WASHINGTON.				
New Castle.....No. 8	.....	87 05	.....	87 05
Mount Baker..... " 9	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Patit..... "10	.....	62 00	.....	62 00
Ranier..... "11	12 00	.....	.....	36 00
Snohomish..... "12	12 00	.....	.....	38 20
Friendship..... "13	12 00	.....	.....	41 51
Colfax..... "14	12 00	.....	$3 06	36 12
Sundry Lodges.....	176 25	.....	.....	203 47
Individuals.....	59 95	.....	.....	150 30
	$324 20	$1,182 19	$3 06	$2,003 59

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SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance Sept. 1, 1877.	Postage and Freight.	Odes.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.			
Harmony.....No. 1	$4 26	.....	.....
CHILE.			
Southern Watch.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.			
Royal Purple.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
Yankton..... " 2	.....	.....	.....
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	.....
FLORIDA.			
Florida.....No. 1	.....	$0 08	.....
Aucilla..... " 2	.....	.....	.....
Excelsior..... " 4	.....	.....	.....
Key West..... " 5	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN.			
Anglo-American.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.			
Idaho.....No. 1	.....	15	.....
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.			
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....
Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....
Halifax..... " 12	.....	.....	.....
Port La Joie..... " 13	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA.			
Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA.			
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.			
Centennial.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
PERU.			
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	$2 00
QUEBEC.			
Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.			
Polynesia.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.			
Unity.....No. 2	3 69	.....	.....
WYOMING.			
Wyoming.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....
Hope..... " 2	.....	.....	.....
	$7 95	$0 23	$2 00

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SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Dues.	Total.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.				
Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	$4 26
CHILE.				
Southern Watch.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.				
Royal Purple.....No. 1	.....	.....	$2 23	2 23
Yankton..... " 2	$2 50	.....	11 12	13 62
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	6 99	6 99
FLORIDA.				
Florida.....No. 1	.....	$2 00	5 50	7 58
Aucilla..... " 2	.....	.....	3 37	3 37
Excelsior..... " 4	.....	.....	10 65	10 65
Key West..... " 5	.....	1 00	20 25	21 25
GREAT BRITAIN.				
Anglo-American.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.				
Idaho.....No. 1	3 00	1 00	13 92	18 07
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.				
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	3 07	3 07
Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halifax..... " 12	.....	.....	8 80	8 80
Port La Joie..... " 13	.....	.....	39 28	39 28
MANITOBA.				
Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA.				
Rocky Mountain.....No. 1	.....	.....	30 70	30 70
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	.....	18 30	18 30
NEW MEXICO.				
Centennial.....No. 1	.....	.....	12 15	12 15
PERU.				
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	13 42	15 42
QUEBEC.				
Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	28 90	28 90
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Polynesia.....No. 1	.....	.....	30 43	30 43
WASHINGTON.				
Unity.....No. 2	.....	.....	29 87	33 56
WYOMING.				
Wyoming.....No. 1	3 00	.....	14 06	17 06
Hope..... " 2	.....	.....	13 35	13 35
	$8 50	$4 00	$316 36	$339 04

RECEIPTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY *for the Fiscal Year from September* 1, 1877, *to August* 31, 1878.

RECAPITULATED.

Grand Lodges		$22,203 22
Grand Encampments		5,918 70
Subordinate Lodges and Individuals		2,003 59
Subordinate Encampments		339 04
Ordinary Revenue		$30,464 55
United States Bonds sold	$7,500 00	
Interest and Premium	888 34	
I. A. Sheppard, G. Rep., one day's Per Diem returned	6 00	
Fire-proof Safe sold	300 00	
Interest to credit of Wildey Monument Fund	121 65	8,815 99
Total paid to Grand Treasurer		$39,280 54

Ordinary Revenue	$30,464 55
Balances due	2,058 92
Total	$32,523 47
Amount August 31, 1877, per Journal, page 7273	37,999 16
Less for year ending August 31, 1878	$5,475 69

The revenue (adding amount due) is $5,475.69 less than for the year ending August 31, 1877. This is accounted for by the fact that the balance due Sept. 1, 1876, was $7,795.10 (Journal, page 6814), and the balance Sept. 1, 1877, was $2,602.54, a difference of $5,192.56, to which the canceled indebtedness of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of South Carolina, $413.00, being added, the amount is $5,605.67, so that there is little difference between the amount of actual revenue for the two years. The number of orders for supplies, received and executed, is 533 (many of them for single books or diplomas), exceeding by 195 the orders for the preceding year.

In addition to the foregoing statement of receipts, tables showing the details of receipt and disbursement of supplies, the balances appearing on the Ledger after the close of the books, and a balance-sheet, exhibiting the entire transactions for the year, are presented. The last column of the latter shows the actual condition of the Grand Lodge, and it will be seen that the assets have decreased from $70,661.88 in 1874 to $48,300.12 in 1878. As a matter of comparison, the following table, exhibiting the assets in 1874, 1877, and 1878, as printed on pages 6087, 7285, and in the present report, with the increase and decrease sustained by the operations of last year, is presented:

	Sep. 1, '74.	Sep. 1, '77.	Sep. 1, '78.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bills Receivable	....	$75 00	....	....	$75 00
Cash	$18,188 30	13,474 91	$10,661 49	....	2,813 42
U. S. Bonds	24,000 00	15,500 00	8,000 00	....	7,500 00
Electro Plates	3,814 50	4,572 10	4,986 60	$414 50	....
Steel and Cop. Plates	1,775 00	1,950 00	3,450 00	1,500 00	....
Furniture & Fixtures	6,137 90	7,912 51	7,460 01	....	452 50
Library	584 00	670 21	676 46	6 25	....
Grand Lodge Building	....	3,265 04	3,265 04	....	....
History of the Order	1,504 50	1,504 50	....	....	1,504 50
Due from Individuals	120 00	147 12	178 33	31 21	....
" Grand Bodies	7,155 64	2,064 12	1,484 92	....	579 20
" Subordinates	23 24	332 24	270 22	....	62 02
Supplies at cost	7,358 80	7,167 90	7,867 05	699 15	....
	$70,661 88	$58,635 65	$48,300 12	$2,651 11	$12,986 64
Deduct increase					2,651 11
Net decrease					$10,335 53

United States Bonds appear in the balance-sheet of 1874 as $26,000, and in 1877 as $17,500, the Bonds belonging to the Wildey Monument Fund, $2,000, being included in those years.

The "History of the Order" account, heretofore included in the assets of the Grand Lodge, has been closed by Profit and Loss, which makes the apparent deficit of the last year $1,504.50 more than the actual loss.

JOURNAL OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Volume VIII. contains the proceedings of the sessions of 1874 and 1875, with a general index of the Journals from 1868 to 1875 inclusive, being Volumes VI., VII., and VIII. It is respectfully suggested that the proceedings of 1876, 1877, and 1878, with a proper index, will make a volume of suitable size, and should be published as Volume IX. I recommend that this subject be referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The books of this office are kept, as contemplated by the Committee on Printing Supplies in 1873, "in a systematic manner," that is, on the principle of double-entry, as the Journals of 1874-5-6-7 attest. This system, generally considered the only reliable method of book-keeping, exhibits in the balance-sheet annually published the entire operations of the office for the year.

There are some laws in existence, which, while they do not conflict with any system of book-keeping, yet, in order to comply with their provisions, special books must be prepared, and much additional labor is thereby entailed, and in the opinion of the G. C. and R. Secretary the repeal of such legislation will be a wise measure. I allude to the law of 1855 (Digest, Section 30), as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to open an account in his books with each specific appropriation, charging to such appropriations severally the amount reported by the Finance Committee, and placing to the credit of such amount all payments made on account thereof; and in no case shall such payments exceed the amount of the specific appropriation on account of which they are made, nor shall any transfer of appropriation be allowed without the consent of this Grand Lodge." A single instance, of many that might be educed, will show that the enforcement of this law would seriously retard the progress of the Order and cripple the finances of the Grand Lodge. In 1873 (Journal, p. 5943), an appropriation

was made "for printing odes and cards, $500.00." The report of the Grand Secretary in 1874 (Journal, p. 6085), shows, among other expenditures, for odes, $431.56; visiting and withdrawal cards, $1,106.08; Rebekah cards, $66.65; dismissal certificates, $52.75; total, $1,657.04. I also note that in 1873 there was no appropriation for diplomas, yet the report of the Grand Secretary in 1874 (Journal, p. 6086) shows that the expenditure on that account was $178.51. It is manifest that the above law ought to be rescinded, for it is inapplicable to the business of the Grand Lodge, it being impossible for any committee, however competent, to determine the amount that will be required for certain articles of supplies during the year.

A resolution, found in Digest, Section 31, requests the Grand Secretary "to arrange in his tabular statement of receipts, in *parallel columns*, the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body." This request has been complied with by the annual publication of such a tabular statement as was indicated in the resolution, though the advantage of such arrangement has never been apparent, and every useful purpose, it would seem, might be subserved by stating the aggregate amount of receipts from each body, thus saving considerable expense in printing, and lessening the labor of preparing the financial tables at a period when there is little time to devote to such work. Or, if the receipts for odes, cards, etc., are placed under the general head of "Supplies," the matter embraced in eight or nine columns may be presented under the several heads of Balance, Supplies, Representative Tax, and Total, and save the expense of three or four pages of "rule and figure work." As the tables are now prepared, it will be seen that unless a separate book is kept, or the ledger is specially ruled with columns for the several items, the amount of each payment must be divided among the various objects at the close of the year.

I beg, therefore, to suggest that the Committee on Finance consider the propriety of rescinding the resolutions referred to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At too late an hour for insertion in their appropriate places the following were received:

South Carolina.—Bro. Robert James, Grand Secretary, under date of August 7th, wrote: "I forward to-day my annual return. I regret its delay, but hope it will appear in your *Revised* Journal. You will perceive that we are still going backward. Our loss last year of 51 may be considered our gain, as they were among that class of members who took no interest in the Order.

"Our treasury is still empty, which prevents me from paying our Representative tax of $75.

"I have not been able to furnish you with a copy of our Proceedings for 1877 and 1878, from the fact that we have no money to print them."

Germany.—On the 28th of August, the following from Grand Secretary Meyendorf, dated Berlin, August 10th, was received:

"Communications have been sent to Schiller Lodge, No. 3, Stuttgart, and Denmark Lodge, No. 1, at Copenhagen, and I have advised the latter to remit to you thirty dollars for Charter fee. I have also forwarded to Denmark Lodge, for immediate use, 25 Traveling and 10 Withdrawal Cards, also one Digest, which I took from my stock on hand, for all of which I received the stated amount, and I have reimbursed the Lodge the sixty marks previously paid to me. Our account is therefore exactly balanced, with the exception of two Charge, two Degree, and two Rebekah Degree Books, which you will be pleased to supply me with at your convenience.

"Referring to my communication of July 16th, as to the three Withdrawal Cards, I remark that they belong to Bros. Rath, Tratz, and Hoffmeyer, and are yet unsigned.

"In response to a communication from the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Bro. Praetorius, in his official capacity as

D. D. G. Sire, a petition has been prepared for presentation to the G. L. of U. S., asking a donation of one hundred dollars to Denmark Lodge, which sum, it is presumed, will about cover its outlay.

"I am convinced that this year's session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States will conduce greatly to the prosperity of our beloved Order, and I feel assured that its decisions upon such matters as may be brought before it will not only advance the interests of the Order, but contribute to the welfare of humanity.

"I request that you will transmit to the M. W. Grand Sire, as well as to the officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, my fraternal greeting and the assurance of my highest esteem and consideration."

THE EPIDEMIC IN THE SOUTH.

The unfortunate visitation of the dreaded yellow fever to several cities of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee has been brought to the official notice of the Grand Secretary by the reception of fifty dollars from Union Lodge, No. 1, Denver, Colorado, on the 3d day of September, as "a donation to the brethren in the South who are suffering from yellow fever." Bro. A. J. WOODBURY, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Union Lodge, remarked: "As you have facilities for knowing at what point or points the money can be best appropriated, we place the sum in your hands, knowing that you will willingly attend to its distribution." In the exercise of the discretion vested in me, the amount was promptly transmitted, in currency, by the Adams Express Company, free of charge, to JOHN H. MCKENZIE, Grand Master, Summit, Mississippi.

On the 4th day of September a draft for fifty dollars was received from J. M. NORMAN, P. Sec'y of Denver Lodge, No. 4, Denver, Colorado, the contribution of that Lodge "to the Odd Fellows' Relief Committee of Memphis, Tennessee, for the benefit of the suffering Odd Fellows of that city." This remittance was duly acknowledged, but, in the absence of information as to the organization of a "Relief Committee" in Memphis, the transmission of the amount was delayed until the reception of advice as to whom the money should be paid.

Germania Lodge, No. 14, Denver, Colorado, has also sent to this office twenty-five dollars, "to be distributed to yellow fever suffering districts South."

This splendid offering of one hundred and twenty-five dollars by the three Lodges in Denver, is worthy of all commendation, and it is not to be doubted that the Order generally has now, as heretofore, promptly responded to the appeals for relief which have come from the sadly afflicted cities of the South.

In this connection I have also to state, that on the 1st of September a telegram was received from the Grand Master of Dakota, asking to whom contributions for the sufferers by yellow fever should be sent. He was advised to remit to the Grand Master of Mississippi.

The mail of September 7th brought the following;

HALL OF THE I. O. O. F. ASSOCIATION,
Silver Reef, Washington County, Utah Territory,
August 27, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Inclosed you will please find bill of exchange for one hundred and fifty dollars ($150), which amount has been contributed by this Association for the relief of our brethren in the South, who are suffering from yellow fever. It is the wish of the Association that the money be equally distributed between the States of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and, not knowing the addresses of the Grand Officers of those States, we send the funds to you, with a request that you forward the money to its destination.

This Association consists of members of various Lodges, who have come together here, and there being no Lodge within one hundred miles, have formed an association which numbers thirty-three (33) members.

Hoping that our mite may do a little toward relieving our unfortunate brethren, I remain, fraternally yours,

C. F. BOWEN, *Secretary.*

The following telegram was also received :

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, September 7, 1878.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary:*

Lodges here contributed one hundred and fifty dollars for the Odd Fellows South. I mailed to you draft for that amount to-day.

CHARLES POPPER, *Grand Master.*

These contributions, one hundred and twenty-five dollars from Colorado and three hundred dollars from Utah, through this office, evince the true spirit of Odd Fellowship existing in these comparatively young jurisdictions of the Order. The noble donation of one hundred and fifty dollars by brethren temporarily located at Silver Reef, Utah Territory, deserves more than a passing notice.

GENERAL RETURNS,

Compiled from the reports of Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of U. S.

	Year 1876.	Year 1877.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	48	48	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	6,678	6,878	200	.....
Rebekah Degree Lodges	770	690	.....	80
Grand Encampments	39	39	.....	.....
Subordinate Enc'mpments	1,806	1,835	29	.....
Lodge Initiations	40,646	36,087	.....	4,559
Lodge members	456,125	448,019	.....	8,106
Encampment members	87,785	84,787	.....	2,998
Relief by Lodges	$1,507,649 12	$1,516,241 76	$8,592 64	.....
Relief by Encampments	177,151 45	183,482 47	6,331 02	.....
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	4,685 05	5,542 48	857 43	.....
Total relief	1,689,485 62	1,705 266 71	15,781 09	.....
Revenue of Lodges	4,008,984 69	3,961,900 72	.....	$47,083 97
Revenue of Encampments	453,034 72	431,828 05	.....	21,206 67
Revenue of Rebekah L'ges	27.853 (5	29,323 08	1,470 03	.....
Total revenue	4,489,872 46	4,423,051 85	.....	66,820 61

The following statement exhibits in brief the entire operations (including Australia and Germany), so far as the same can be ascertained, as owing to imperfect reports in the early years of the Order complete statistics are not to be had,

FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1877:

Initiations	1,059,862
Members relieved	816,155
Widowed families relieved	108,903
Members deceased	74,209
Total relief	$25,704,885 68
Total receipts	$69,142,260 86
Present membership	454,174

CONCLUSION.

The evidence deducible from the facts and figures of this report indicate a material shrinkage in the assets of the Grand Lodge for the past fiscal year, arising chiefly from the extraordinary appropriations, aggregating $6,000. The deficit revenue, although more marked during the past few years in the general jurisdiction, has been chiefly developed, during the current year, in the middle, southern, and western portions of the country, although it has not wholly been unfelt in the more favored sections of the north, including the Grand Bodies of Ontario where Odd Fellowship is eminently prosperous. The business depression in the Order at large which has prevailed generally for several years, has been growing, and is by common consent referable to its true cause, viz.: the continued paralysis which has pursued commerce and industry. Since the close of our Civil War, much of the antecedent capital and wealth of the country has disappeared as the inevitable effect of that unhappy strife in the enormous waste of war. It is contended, that the loss of this wealth has not only not been restored, but, to the contrary, the industry of the country, which is the basis of wealth, has been inadequately rewarded, and the products of manufacture and agriculture have been unremunerative. Without venturing to discuss such extraneous subjects in this report, we remark as germane to the subject, that our Order is not exempt from the influence which business prosperity entails upon all institutions which require the aid of capital. Besides, the foreign world has but recently ceased its bitter strife of war, leaving behind all the evils which follow in its train, including its fearful waste and general business derangement. Hence we are admonished that the end of financial depression is not yet, and that the blessing of general peace to mankind is still in abeyance, and must await events which ripen as natural fruit, from legitimate and cognate causes. We may reasonably indulge the hope that the future prospect of commerce, agriculture, and general business will soon begin to brighten, and that Odd Fellowship will then revive, and be lifted to its normal vigor as a potential element and moral force. Meanwhile it is our duty and privilege to apply the experience acquired to our proper enlightenment, to deduce wisdom from its pregnant lessons, and to do all that we can to improve and defend the position. To apply ourselves to a judicious and intelligent economy, consistent with our obligations, the just benefactions which arise out of them, and the magnitude of the interests which they involve. There is no cause for alarm. We may confidently rely upon the Supreme Head of the Order; we have in past emergencies done so, and it has always proved itself equal to the crisis, and ever will beyond all peradventure. The circumstances of our position, we have not improvidently superinduced. The administration has been, as heretofore, wise, economical, and prudent, commensurate with the magnitude and important interests of the million which it represents and sustains, and may be therefore confidently relied upon to provide as adequate a finance system in the future as it has done in the long past.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

Office of the G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'y,
Baltimore, September, 1878.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand, August* 31, 1877, *received and disposed of during the year, and on hand, August* 31, 1878.

	Grand Lodge Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Encampment Institution Books.	Encampment Ch'ge Books.	Lodge Institution Books.	Lodge Public Installation Books (Ger.)	Lodge Charge Books.	Degree Charge Books.	Degree Lodge Installation Books.	Rebekah Deg. Books.	Reb. Deg. Ldg. Installation Books.	Odes, with Music.
On hand, Aug. 31, 1877, per Journal, p. 7282.	87	112	112	730	408	124	711	873	107	625	657	
Received during the year				256			1,030	518		258		1,059
Total	87	112	112	986	408	124	1,741	1,391	107	883	657	1,059
Disposed of during the year	11	3	16	233	50	6	724	531	9	421	25	274
On hand, August 31, 1878	76	109	96	753	358	118	1,017	860	98	462	632	785

	Odes.	Cards.	Rebekah Cards	Dismissal Certificates.	Rebekah Certificates.	Diplomas.	Book of Forms.	Funeral Service.	Anniversary Ceremony.	Bound Journals.	Digests.	Digest, Additions, 1871–1874.
On hand, Aug. 31, 1877, per Journal, p. 7282.	25,913	14,346	1,833	2,274	597	1,214	173	1,564	1,401	1,908	135	1,875
Received during the year	19,900	50,000	1,000	100		2,000	1,758			500	559	
Total	45,813	64,346	2,833	2,374	597	3,214	1,931	1,564	1,401	2,408	694	1,875
Disposed of during the year	19,909	51,765	459	1,360	42	919	* 902	357	113	† 434	‡ 430	§ 578
On hand, August 31, 1878	25,904	12,581	2,374	1,014	555	2,295	1,029	1,207	1,288	1,974	264	1,297

* 49 to Grand Representatives. † 410 to Grand Representatives. ‡ 51 to Grand Representatives. § 7 to Grand Representatives. 542 used in Digests.

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1878.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
1	Stock		$48,300 12
13	Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer	$10,661 49	
14	United States Bonds	8,000 00	
15	United States Bonds, W. M. Fund	2,000 00	
16	Grand Lodge Charge Books	39 52	
18	Grand Encampment Books	33 79	
21	Encampment Instit'n and Install'n Books	22 08	
26	Encampment Charge Books	203 31	
33	Subordinate Lodge Institution and Installation Books	93 08	
38	Subordinate Lodge Public Install'n Books	31 86	
46	Initiatory Charge Books	254 25	
56	Degree Charge Books	223 60	
62	Degree Lodge Installation Books	30 38	
68	Degree of Rebekah Charge Books	97 02	
75	Rebekah Degree Lodge Institution and Installation Books	158 00	
80	Lodge and Encampment Odes	388 56	
86	Book of Odes, with Music	235 50	
90	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	220 17	
99	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	47 48	
103	Dismissal Certificates	30 42	
106	Rebekah Certificates	44 49	
110	Diplomas	229 50	
115	Book of Forms	308 70	
119	Funeral Service	120 70	
120	Anniversary Ceremony	154 56	
123	Bound Journals	3,948 00	
132	Digests	514 80	
140	Supplemental Digests	437 37	
142	Electrotype Plates	4,986 60	
146	Steel and Copper Plates	3,450 00	
148	Furniture and Fixtures	7,460 01	
154	Library	676 46	
160	Joshua Vansant, Trustee of Wildey Monument Fund	790 13	
161	Wildey Monument Fund		2,790 13
186	Grand Lodge Building	3,265 04	
200–7	District Deputy Grand Sires	80 96	
204	James H. Emslie	10 00	
206	William H. Barnes	19 62	
208	John W. Stokes	24 50	
211	Charles Betz	43 25	
220	Grand Lodge of Alabama	149 60	
222	Grand Encampment of Alabama	75 00	
226	Grand Lodge of Australia	109 40	
230	Grand Encampment of Arkansas	75 00	
232	Grand Lodge of British Columbia	75 00	
239	Grand Lodge of Chile	44 50	
257	Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia	150 00	
258	Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia	75 00	
268	Grand Lodge of the German Empire	55 51	
296	Grand Lodge of Louisiana		2 24

BALANCES, *September* 1, 1878.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
298	Grand Encampment of Louisiana	.....	$4 65
354	Grand Encampment of New York	$150 00	.....
358	Grand Encampment of Nevada	.....	75 00
394	Grand Lodge of New Zealand	97 80	.....
400	Grand Lodge of South Carolina	75 00	.....
402	Grand Encampment of South Carolina	75 00	.....
409	Grand Lodge of Tennessee	150 00	.....
410	Grand Encampment of Tennessee	75 00	.....
422	Grand Encampment of Vermont	75 00	.....
423	Grand Encampment of Victoria (Australia)	15 00	.....
428	Grand Lodge of Washington	.....	30 00
430	Grand Lodge of Wyoming	75 00	.....
446	Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Denmark	30 00	.....
441	Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, Great Britain	108 25	.....
455	Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba	43	.....
457	Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Netherlands	46 65	.....
473	Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Province of Quebec	25 25	.....
475	Albert Lodge, No. 5, Province of Quebec	9 26	.....
475	Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, Province of Quebec	4 44	.....
484	Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington	.....	3 06
512	Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, Great Britain	44 50	.....
525	Milicete Encampment, No. 11, Low. Prov.	15 00	.....
546	Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Peru	.....	10 50
		$51,215 70	$51,215 70

BALANCE SHEET, *R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

BALTIMORE, Sept. 1, 1878.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies		Profit and Loss.		Stock		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock	1		$58,635 65						$58,635 65		
Profit and Loss	3	$200 00				$200 00					
Cash	4	39,280 54	39,280 54								
Bills Receivable	8	150 00	150 00								
Interest	9		888 34				$888 34				
Joshua Vansant, Grand Treas'r.	13	52,633 80	41,972 31							$10,661 49	
United States Bonds	14	17,500 00	9,500 00							8,000 00	
U. S. Bonds, Wildey Mon. Fund	15	2,000 00								2,000 00	
Supplies, pp. 16–140		12,783 72	20,622 91	$12,783 72	$20,622 91						
Electrotype Plates	142	4,986 60								4,986 60	
Steel and Copper Plates	146	3,450 00								3,450 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	148	7,960 01	500 00							7,460 01	
Library	154	676 46								676 46	
J. Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund	160	840 13	50 00							790 13	
Wildey Monument Fund	161	50 00	2,840 13								$2,790 13
Annual Expenses	164	7,959 51	148 32			7,811 19					
Fifty-third Annual Session	171	27,128 50	185 50			26,943 00					
Representative Tax and Dues	177		12,384 58				12,384 58				
Charters	180		144 00				144 00				
Grand Lodge Building	186	3,265 04								3,265 04	
History of the Order	188	4,504 50				4,504 50					
Individuals		3,417 75	3,239 42							178 33	
Grand Bodies		30,067 80	28,582 88							1,484 92	
Subordinates		2,628 29	2,358 07							270 22	
		$221,482 65	$221,482 65								
Supplies per Inventory					7,867 0					7,867 05	
Profit				15,706 24			15 706 24				
				$28,489 96	$28,489 96						
Loss							10,335 53	$10,335 53			
						$39,458 69	$39,458 69				
Capital								48,300 12			48,309 12
								$58,635 65	$58,635 65	$51,090 25	$51 090 25

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, organized between September*

JURISDICTION.	No of Lodges.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama	36	1,183	....	93	27	31	1,334
Arkansas	63	1,487	....	145	58	50	1,740
British Columbia.	5	492	....	45	7	8	552
California	248	20,201	....	1,617	615	199	22,632
*Chile	8	399	....	.....	.....	.....	399
Colorado	28	1,215	23	190	80	22	1,530
Connecticut	50	5,930	....	604	39	31	6,604
Dakota	13	315	....	131	35	9	490
Delaware	32	2,537	....	74	7	12	2,630
District Columbia	14	1,952	.	105	20	11	2,088
Florida	10	318	....	50	6	12	386
Georgia	48	2,043	....	182	20	53	2,298
Illinois	583	26,812	....	2,612	727	611	30,762
Indiana	518	26,404	....	1,874	575	382	29,235
Iowa	336	17,476	....	1,867	544	180	20,067
Kansas	134	4,968	....	535	237	71	5,811
Kentucky	214	10,028	....	392	133	99	10,652
Louisiana	25	1,086	....	161	15	18	1,280
Low. Prov. B.N.A	25	1,629	...	439	41	21	2,130
Maine	62	7,606	....	1,333	132	45	9,116
Maryland	104	12,118	....	297	31	65	12,511
Massachusetts	140	21,685		1,847	211	76	23,819
Michigan	285	13,451	....	1,700	324	321	15,796
Minnesota	55	2,598	9	546	169	49	3,371
Mississippi	45	1,577	....	64	23	41	1,705
Missouri	323	12,691	....	1,399	428	321	14,839
Montana	8	256	....	37	16	4	313
Nebraska	65	2,345	....	287	116	70	2,818
Nevada	28	2,045	....	184	55	43	2,327
New Hampshire	53	6,642	....	638	101	58	7,439
New Jersey	169	14,740	....	796	66	132	15,734
New York	466	39,626	....	3,239	378	253	43,496
North Carolina	60	1,784	....	220	14	26	2.044
Ohio	629	44,981	....	2,457	684	402	48,524
Ontario	178	11,738	....	1,948	239	98	14,023
Oregon	72	2,891	....	268	99	20	3,278
Pennsylvania	899	91,738	....	3,923	689	533	96,883
Rhode Island	42	5,419	....	279	38	18	5,754
South Carolina	15	663	....	31	6	8	708
Switzerland	8	236	....	82	4	1	323
Tennessee	147	4,138	....	294	76	126	4,634
Texas	172	4 749	50	734	308	181	6,022
Utah	6	296	....	55	27	4	382
Vermont	18	1,282	....	149	21	33	1,485
Virginia	49	3,192	....	174	25	50	3,441
West Virginia	84	4,426	....	297	84	78	4,885
Wisconsin	251	13,487	....	1,320	313	173	15,293
Wyoming	9	418	....	56	8	3	485
	6,832	455,293	82	35,770	7,871	5,052	504,068

* No report received.

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JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.					Total.	Members, Dec 31, 1877.	No. of brothers relieved.
	Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped	Expelled.	Deceased.			
Alabama	....	40	174	1	18	233	1,101	104
Arkansas	....	97	80	10	20	207	1,533	79
British Columbia	....	5	40	2	5	52	500	53
California	....	549	1,074	51	229	1,903	20,729	2,393
*Chile	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	399	.....
Colorado	....	58	193	7	9	267	1,263	80
Connecticut	....	38	246	11	52	347	6,257	545
Dakota	....	16	44	2	2	64	426	104
Delaware	....	12	279	1	20	312	2,318	237
District Columbia	....	10	159	1	26	196	1,892	272
Florida	....	11	31	1	5	48	338	15
Georgia	....	81	230	1	23	335	1,963	186
Illinois	....	979	3,335	151	255	4,720	26,042	2,389
Indiana	....	699	3,003	131	256	4,089	25,146	2,907
Iowa	....	556	1,400	93	101	2,150	17,917	981
Kansas	....	167	535	15	30	747	5,064	315
Kentucky	....	171	581	18	82	852	9,800	93
Louisiana	....	39	120	2	29	190	1,090	168
Low. Prov. B.N.A.	....	61	176	5	17	259	1,871	78
Maine	....	169	205	9	75	458	8,658	567
Maryland	....	53	635	8	178	874	11,637	1,911
Massachusetts	....	249	816	20	214	1,299	22,520	1,647
Michigan	....	575	1,939	44	90	2,648	13,148	460
Minnesota	....	111	217	13	23	364	3,007	163
Mississippi	....	48	95	4	12	159	1,546	93
Missouri	....	402	1,191	60	129	1,782	13,057	1,310
Montana	....	16	17	2	4	39	274	21
Nebraska	....	94	268	8	11	381	2,437	118
Nevada	5	81	234	7	25	352	1 975	171
New Hampshire	....	78	274	4	50	406	7,033	602
New Jersey	....	125	1,404	14	137	1,680	14,054	1,642
New York	....	850	3,542	59	413	4,864	38,632	2,750
North Carolina	..	62	239	21	9	331	1,713	88
Ohio	....	844	3,394	153	375	4,766	43,758	3,716
Ontario	....	353	1,210	26	86	1,675	12,348	1,046
Oregon	....	99	182	12	24	317	2,961	335
Pennsylvania	....	864	9,676	96	886	11,522	85,361	10,879
Rhode Island	....	64	375	4	35	478	5,276	425
South Carolina	....	15	73	3	5	96	612	32
Switzerland	....	16	21	2	2	41	282	8
Tennessee	....	167	724	21	39	951	3,683	327
Texas	....	355	870	33	77	1,335	4 687	464
Utah	....	20	34	2	4	60	322	31
Vermont	....	46	171	4	18	239	1,246	30
Virginia	....	43	400	9	44	496	2,945	528
West Virginia	....	94	474	6	28	602	4,283	402
Wisconsin	....	433	1,235	31	102	1,801	13,492	540
Wyoming	4	17	82	5	2	110	375	26
	9	9,932	41,697	1,183	4,276	57,097	446,971	41,331

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JURISDICTION.	No. weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families rel'ved.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for education of orphans.
Alabama	301	28	18	$1,024 00	$300 75	$152 78
Arkansas	242	7	20	1,166 90	182 50	.....
British Columbia	273	1	5	3,126 00	25 00	.....
California	12,892	229	229	112,675 23	17,985 99	1,436 75
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	357	5	9	2,131 00	164 85	.....
Connecticut	4,467	14	52	16,055 60	356 05	163 00
Dakota	81	1	2	783 50	14 95	.....
Delaware	1,761	30	20	7,504 80	346 88	.....
District Columbia	1,549	70	26	6,196 00	2,476 64	876 07
Florida	67	2	5	269 00	60 11	.....
Georgia	592	22	23	2,292 00	2,032 71	65 50
Illinois	6,749	326	255	32,507 69	5,629 88	261 75
Indiana	11,436	370	256	48,891 48	6,492 57	1,333 75
Iowa	4,503	88	101	15,568 74	2,896 07	93 50
Kansas	1,400	35	30	5,560 00	578 85	.....
Kentucky	2,296	132	82	18,279 82	4,320 28	668 65
Louisiana	434	53	29	2,857 44	1,204 10	200 75
Low. Prov. B.N.A.	388	12	17	1,157 05	220 00	.....
Maine	5,353	36	75	22,732 20	1,095 50	156 65
Maryland	13,196	174	178	45,004 00	24,387 40	1,320 88
Massachusetts	10,160	478	214	41,542 44	5,424 26	96 16
Michigan	1,163	76	90	7,772 30	1,804 07	.....
Minnesota	559	18	23	2,705 05	205 57	.....
Mississippi	249	11	12	1,074 90	249 60	.....
Missouri	4,864	343	129	19,648 75	8,833 50	4,093 75
Montana	64	1	4	576 50	67 28	.....
Nebraska	407	7	11	1,979 90	160 50	.....
Nevada	916	11	25	9,684 50	956 93	40 00
New Hampshire	3,669	32	50	13,229 04	698 80	.....
New Jersey	10,853	157	137	52,327 34	3,922 86	426 60
New York	18,749	488	413	101,742 50	15,670 59	812 51
North Carolina	229	4	9	798 44	53 13	31 88
Ohio	18,559	494	375	82,673 88	11,642 93	102 69
Ontario	4,336	143	86	11,692 57	4,696 92	.....
Oregon	1,648	21	24	9,890 20	1,020 50	.....
Pennsylvania	66,065	1,528	886	278,512 31	14,476 54	663 02
Rhode Island	1,142	31	35	13,587 59	186 58	.....
South Carolina	142	32	5	571 00	467 00	49 50
Switzerland	113	1	2	278 00	4 00	.....
Tennessee	1,274	128	39	5,186 18	4,322 15	1,257 23
Texas	1,334	31	77	5,183 47	588 74	506 68
Utah	167	2	4	1,140 00	20 00	.....
Vermont	207	4	18	908 67	91 00	.....
Virginia	2,324	134	44	8,228 00	3,020 00	108 00
West Virginia	1,394	52	28	3,061 83	901 33	61 73
Wisconsin	2,049	121	102	9,110 40	8,921 13	6 00
Wyoming	157	1	2	759 05	25 00	.....
	221,130	5,984	4,276	$1,029,647 26	$159,201 99	$14,985 78

* No report received.

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JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama	$649 70	$196 50	$2,323 73	$8 093 14
Arkansas	416 00	.....	1,765 40	9,863 34
British Columbia	187 00	.....	3,338 00	10,774 53
California	18,278 61	9,877 77	160,254 35	458,888 29
*Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	467 30	.....	2,763 15	17,001 20
Connecticut	3,003 15	3,285 12	22,862 92	60,725 26
Dakota	614 12	139 70	1,552 27	4,886 28
Delaware	2,495 00	374 70	10,721 38	24,181 77
District Columbia	1,290 79	434 50	11,274 00	21,127 71
Florida	120 00	.....	449 11	3,280 88
Georgia	1,120 00	.....	5,510 21	11,548 65
Illinois	8,150 42	4,972 22	51,521 96	215,506 21
Indiana	13,154 75	4,639 46	74,512 01	218,615 86
Iowa	3,208 05	915 85	22,682 21	90,653 19
Kansas	978 00	951 35	8,068 20	36,062 60
Kentucky	4,283 61	1,540 26	29,092 62	51,054 91
Louisiana	1,277 90	.....	5,540 19	14,410 27
Low. Prov. B.N.A.	351 05	160 00	1,888 10	10,928 08
Maine	2,732 25	.....	26,716 60	75,138 92
Maryland	9,056 00	4,304 32	84,072 60	98,151 76
Massachusetts	9,483 16	7,965 39	64,511 41	191,915 57
Michigan	2,697 06	1,655 14	13,928 57	71,737 50
Minnesota	837 75	344 75	4,093 12	28,283 26
Mississippi	373 50	.....	1,698 00	10,632 83
Missouri	5,571 75	.....	38,147 75	92,560 00
Montana	145 00	.....	788 78	4,505 73
Nebraska	177 25	566 30	2,883 95	20,333 96
Nevada	2,180 39	1,472 12	14,333 94	53,998 58
New Hampshire	2,932 65	481 24	17,341 73	48,318 06
New Jersey	11,403 09	.....	68,079 89	140,461 36
New York	32,181 28	.....	150,400 88	329,744 09
North Carolina	235 00	.....	1,118 45	8,900 39
Ohio	13,852 84	6,097 06	114,369 40	318,414 57
Ontario	2,482 60	3,271 87	22,143 96	110,675 15
Oregon	1,107 50	1,558 75	13,576 95	54,598 65
Pennsylvania	71,913 88	.....	365,565 75	711,209 05
Rhode Island	2,039 00	4,360 87	20,165 04	63,148 93
South Carolina	30 00	.....	1,117 50	3,209 43
Switzerland	16 00	21 00	319 00	2,836 70
Tennessee	1,334 50	314 97	12,415 03	27,789 63
Texas	2,433 63	.....	8,712 52	54,756 38
Utah	220 55	133 00	1,513 55	6,913 38
Vermont	395 00	52 89	1,447 56	6,912 70
Virginia	3,146 00	200 00	14,742 00	27,975 00
West Virginia	3,146 50	950 00	8,121 39	27,119 22
Wisconsin	4,685 52	1,263 24	23,986 29	84,363 73
Wyoming	176 67	.....	960 72	5,125 55
	$247,022 77	$62,500 34	$1,513,358 14	$3,947,332 25

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LODGES.	LOCATION	Members. Dec. 31, 1876.	ADD.			Total.	DEDUCT.					Total.	Members. Dec. 31, 1877.	Past Grands.
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.		Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.			
ARIZONA.														
*Arizona.....No. 1	Prescott.....	3	....	....	....	35	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	35	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.														
†Denmark.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.														
*Thomas Wildey....No. 1	London, England....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.														
‡Pioneer.....No. 1	Idaho City.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
‡Owyhee..... " 2	Silver City.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
‡Ada..... " 3	Boise City.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
‡Excelsior..... " 4	Centreville.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
‡Rocky Mountain.... " 5	Salmon City.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
‡Covenant..... " 6	Placerville.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.														
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	31	1	....	1	33	....	5	4	....	....	9	24	4
Tishomingo..... " 2	Tishomingo.....	17	2	1	....	20	....	.....	.....	....	1	1	19	2
McAlister..... " 3	McAlister.....	.....	14	6	....	20	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	20	.....
§Erin Springs..... " 4	Erin Springs.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.														
Manitoba.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	48	4	2	....	54	....	1	2	....	....	3	51	5
*North Star..... " 2	Winnipeg.....	31	....	....	....	31	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	31	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.														
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam, Holland	.....	28	6	....	34	....	8	.....	....	....	8	26	1
‖Mount Sinai..... " 2	Amsterdam, Holland	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.														
Paradise.....No. 2	Santa Fe.....	46	1	2	....	49	....	1	.....	....	1	2	47	10

PERU, S. AMERICA.																
Lima ..... No. 1	Lima	27	8	....	1	36	....	4	.....	....	....	4	32	1
Callao ..... " 2	Callao	25	3	2	2	32	....	6	5	1	....	12	20	3
Fortschritt ..... " 3	Lima	9	6	3	....	18	....	1	.....	....	....	1	17	2
Chalaco ..... " 4	Callao	18	25	....	....	43	....	1	.....	1	....	2	41	2
QUEBEC, CANADA.																
Mount Royal ..... No. 1	Montreal	121	28	....	2	151	....	8	23	....	4	35	116	10
St. Lawrence ..... " 2	Montreal	37	12	1	....	50	....	8	.....	....	....	8	42	7
Mizpah ..... " 3	Montreal	187	22	2	....	211	....	19	52	....	....	71	140	6
Duke of Edinburgh . " 4	Montreal	57	10	1	....	68	....	9	9	....	....	18	50	6
Albert ..... " 5	Montreal	48	13	1	....	62	1	2	11	...	1	15	47	3
Beaver ..... " 6	Montreal	.....	28	14	....	42	...	2	.....	....	...	2	40	1
Pioneer ..... " 7	Richmond	.....	36	8	....	44	....	3	.....	..	....	3	41	.....
¶Unity ..... " 8	Sherbrooke	.....	16	13	....	29	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	29	2
Provincial Degree .. " 1	Montreal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.																
Excelsior ..... No. 1	Honolulu	78	4	1	....	83	7	8	1	....	....	16	67	20
Harmony ..... " 3	Honolulu	17	8	3	....	28	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	5
WASHINGTON.																
‡Olympia ..... No. 1	Olympia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Enterprise ..... " 2	Walla Walla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Vancouver ..... " 3	Vancouver	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Olive Branch ..... " 4	Seattle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Touchet ..... " 5	Waitesburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Western ..... " 6	Olympia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Seattle ..... " 7	Seattle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle ..... " 8	New Castle	.....	17	15	....	32	....	3	.....	....	....	3	29	1
Mount Baker ..... " 9	Port Townsend.	.....	11	11	....	22	....	1	.....	....	....	1	21	2
Patit ..... "10	Dayton	.....	20	16	....	36	....	.....	.....	....	1	1	35	4
**Ranier ..... "11	New Tacoma.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††Snohomish ..... "12	Snohomish	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡‡Friendship ..... "13	Port Gamble	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
§§Colfax ..... "14	Colfax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		832	317	108	6	1,263	8	90	107	2	8	215	1,048	97

* No report received. † Instituted, June 29, 1878. ‡ Reports to Grand Lodge of Oregon. § Instituted, June 29, 1878. ‖ Instituted, January 17, 1878.
¶ Instituted, October 29, 1877. ** Instituted, February 9, 1878. †† Instituted, April 23, 1878, ‡‡ Instituted, June 17, 1878. §§ Instituted, June 13, 1878.

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LODGES.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ARIZONA.											
*Arizona.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.											
†Denmark .....No 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.											
*Thomas Willey ....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.											
‡Pioneer.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Owyhee..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Ada..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Excelsior..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Rocky Mountain... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Covenant..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.											
Caddo.....No. 1	3	2	.....	.....	$14 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	$14 25	$168 50
Tishomingo..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	$17 80	.....	17 80	120 25
§McAlister..... " 3	2	8	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	393 06
†Erin Springs..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.											
Manitoba.....No. 1	2	10	1	1	40 00	$40 00	.....	60 67	.....	140 67	626 88
*North Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.											
§Paradise.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	599 05
†Mount Sinai..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.											
Paradise.....No. 2	1	8	1	.....	58 50	100 00	$75 50	.....	$9 50	243 50	540 50

PERU, S. AMERICA.												
Lima	No. 1											834 20
Callao	" 2											515 30
Fortschritt	" 3	1	3			30 00					30 00	696 00
Chalaco	" 4	1	6			48 00					48 00	1,776 66
QUEBEC, CANADA.												
Mount Royal	No. 1	7	16	1	4	541 18	20 00		25 65	287 30	874 13	1,063 00
St. Lawrence	" 2	2	23			114 00				10 75	124 75	374 00
Mizpah	" 3	7	28			142 90					142 90	1,135 15
Duke of Edinburgh	" 4	3	11			48 00				14 18	62 18	354 71
Albert	" 5	2	14		1	69 24			55 25	7 25	131 74	552 36
§Beaver	" 6	2	33			165 00					165 00	496 92
§Pioneer	" 7	1	2			10 00				34 20	44 20	678 75
§Unity	" 8											232 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS												
Excelsior	No. 1	5	8	4		94 00	60 50	280 00		31 00	465 50	886 02
Harmony	" 3	1	1			7 00					7 00	528 15
WASHINGTON.												
‡Olympia	No. 1											
‡Enterprise	" 2											
‡Vancouver	" 3											
‡Olive Branch	" 4											
‡Touchet	" 5											
‡Western	" 6											
‡Seattle	" 7											
§New Castle	" 8	1	2			16 00				23 00	39 00	870 50
§Mount Baker	" 9	2	5			193 00					193 00	506 26
§Patit	"10	2	9		1	50 00			50 00		100 00	620 25
†Ranier	"11											
†Snohomish	"12											
†Friendship	"13											
†Colfax	"14											
		45	189	7	8	$1,681 07	$220 50	$355 50	$209 37	$417 18	$2,883 62	$14,568 47

* No report received. † No report due. ‡ Reports to Grand Lodge of Oregon. § First report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United Encampments organized between September*

JURISDICTION.	No of Encampments.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama	9	175	....	10	2	6	193
Arkansas	7	124	....	.....	.....	.....	124
California	60	3,490	....	308	25	23	3,846
Colorado	12	289	....	53	16	2	360
Connecticut	20	1,735	....	130	.....	9	1,874
Delaware	9	372	....	34	.....	16	422
District Columbia	4	584	....	7	2	6	599
Georgia	13	453	15	38	.....	8	514
Illinois	175	5,501	....	359	58	78	5,996
Indiana	143	5,771	....	265	44	41	6,121
Iowa	94	3,040	....	323	63	7	3,433
Kansas	26	838	....	98	14	19	969
Kentucky	53	2,345	....	55	28	8	2,436
Louisiana	5	161	....	17	4	2	184
Maine	25	2,480	....	307	39	3	2,829
Maryland	29	2,010	....	29	.....	10	2,049
Massachusetts	44	6,084	....	410	42	15	6,551
Michigan	79	2,587	45	156	31	26	2,845
Minnesota	15	495	....	66	17	.....	578
Mississippi	17	278	....	30	2	17	327
Missouri	73	1,954	....	152	31	21	2,158
Nebraska	10	282	..	40	11	5	338
Nevada	10	363	....	50	48	6	467
New Hampshire	24	2,186	....	91	4	10	2,291
New Jersey	45	2,472	..	137	11	18	2,638
New York	94	5,438	...	390	25	17	5,870
North Carolina	13	264	....	12	1	2	279
Ohio	202	11,350	....	508	98	104	12,060
Ontario	39	1,794	....	219	58	10	2,081
Oregon	13	374	....	61	40	4	479
Pennsylvania	217	14,430	....	414	59	38	14,941
Rhode Island	17	1,526	....	53	.....	5	1,584
*South Carolina	5	258	....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee	36	689	...	18	4	7	718
Texas	55	1,015	....	121	25	19	1,180
Vermont	9	347	....	20	1	1	369
Virginia	17	703	....	33	.....	1	737
West Virginia	28	824	....	34	9	6	873
Wisconsin	61	2,132	....	173	17	34	2,356
	1,807	87,213	60	5,221	829	604	93,927

* No report received.

States, for the year from January 1 *to December* 31, 1877; *and names of Grand* 1, 1877, *and September* 1, 1878.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.				Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1877.
	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.		
Alabama	6	31	.....	1	38	155
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124
California	63	136	4	42	245	3,601
Colorado	11	26	3	.....	40	320
Connecticut	10	82	4	15	111	1,763
Delaware	1	33	.....	5	39	383
District Columbia	4	105	1	8	118	481
Georgia	6	33	.....	5	44	470
Illinois	89	576	25	54	744	5,252
Indiana	75	441	10	50	576	5,545
Iowa	84	154	7	23	268	3,165
Kansas	12	178	.....	8	198	771
Kentucky	28	87	.....	13	128	2,308
Louisiana	3	7	2	4	16	168
Maine	45	32	3	25	105	2,724
Maryland	12	61	5	37	115	1,934
Massachusetts	109	290	5	69	473	6,078
Michigan	67	398	8	11	484	2,361
Minnesota	22	41	1	3	67	511
Mississippi	2	18	.....	3	23	304
Missouri	51	231	7	19	308	1,850
Nebraska	3	39	1	2	45	293
Nevada	7	45	.....	3	55	412
New Hampshire	20	104	.....	13	137	2,154
New Jersey	17	263	.....	16	296	2,342
New York	118	671	3	45	837	5,033
North Carolina	13	35	.....	2	50	229
Ohio	132	942	25	112	1,211	10,849
Ontario	62	158	2	14	236	1,845
Oregon	11	16	1	3	31	448
Pennsylvania	73	1,426	7	152	1,658	13,283
Rhode Island	22	106	.....	10	138	1,446
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee	38	159	5	4	206	512
Texas	49	112	1	14	176	1,004
Vermont	7	33	.....	7	47	322
Virginia	5	65	.....	12	82	655
West Virginia	10	75	.....	8	93	780
Wisconsin	44	264	3	14	325	2,031
	1,331	7,473	133	826	9,763	84,164

* No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United Encampments organized between September*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families rel'ved	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.
Alabama	12	20	.....	1	$213 00	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	341	2,482	13	42	18,530 50	$690 00
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	97	695	.....	15	1,320 80	.....
Delaware	23	271	.....	5	701 94	.....
District Columbia	45	301	3	8	1,013 00	253 00
Georgia	24	62	.....	5	186 00	13 00
Illinois	352	1,259	10	54	3,592 70	256 43
Indiana	674	2,185	13	50	7,396 34	101 00
Iowa	112	475	4	23	1,266 50	40 00
Kansas	36	76	.....	8	341 00	.....
Kentucky	178	702	8	13	1,658 00	45 00
Louisiana	18	60	1	4	137 00	20 00
Maine	144	1,544	.....	25	7,165 27	.....
Maryland	360	2,593	22	37	5,556 00	2,150 00
Massachusetts	306	2,348	5	69	6,941 65	68 86
Michigan	18	88	2	11	568 04	20 00
Minnesota	13	52	.....	3	260 75	.....
Mississippi	14	34	.....	3	125 50	.....
Missouri	108	389	4	19	1,500 65	90 00
Nebraska	6	15	.....	2	45 00	.....
Nevada	17	211	.....	3	996 56	.....
New Hampshire	155	1,069	3	13	1,725 88	60 00
New Jersey	228	1,615	2	16	4,842 31	60 06
New York	100	1,370	10	45	5,455 70	162 20
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Ohio	1,073	5,941	26	112	25,416 45	422 50
Ontario	110	569	5	14	698 00	45 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	1,763	12,562	24	152	48,542 22	464 92
Rhode Island	42	412	.....	10	1,297 51	.....
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	27	72	4	4	320 00	90 00
Texas	27	75	.....	14	290 50	.....
†Vermont	9	.....	.....	7	56 30	.....
Virginia	48	200	1	12	580 50	73 50
West Virginia	65	269	.....	8	1,124 00	.....
Wisconsin	24	40	5	14	231 50	94 00
	6,569	40,056	165	826	$150,097 07	$5,219 47

* No report received. † No. of weeks' benefits paid not stated.

States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877, and names of Grand 1, 1877, and September 1, 1878—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama	.....	$20 00	.....	$233 00	$880 75
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	$25 00	1,388 75	$381 23	21,015 48	45,481 82
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,016 52
Connecticut	.....	330 00	32 00	1,682 80	6,506 14
Delaware	.....	380 00	10 00	1,091 94	1,528 08
District Columbia	.....	160 00	.....	1,426 00	2,72) 14
Georgia	.....	45 00	.....	244 00	1,494 01
Illinois	.....	557 50	.....	4,406 63	16,885 59
Indiana	.....	1,575 00	213 50	9,285 84	22,297 85
Iowa	.....	169 00	108 45	1,583 95	8,560 79
Kansas	.....	98 00	.....	439 00	3,485 35
Kentucky	.....	830 50	195 20	2,728 70	5,358 86
Louisiana	.....	35 00	.....	192 00	972 85
Maine	.....	335 00	.....	7,500 27	15,281 54
Maryland	.....	1,179 00	.....	8,885 00	14,374 71
Massachusetts	.....	1,510 21	352 00	8,872 72	27,741 10
Michigan	.....	120 00	.....	708 04	5,573 90
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	260 75	2,564 55
Mississippi	.....	75 00	.....	200 50	847 71
Missouri	.....	411 20	.....	2,001 85	7,332 60
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	45 00	1,080 92
Nevada	.....	50 00	62 00	1,108 56	5,442 51
New Hampshire	.....	160 00	.....	1,945 88	5,795 72
New Jersey	.....	610 00	.....	5,512 37	11,116 17
New York	.....	1,712 09	.....	7,329 99	22,161 73
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	445 23
Ohio	.....	3,049 80	.....	28,888 75	61,184 19
Ontario	.....	140 00	5 00	888 00	7,620 68
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,650 18
Pennsylvania	60 00	10,055 90	.....	59,123 04	89,402 69
Rhode Island	.....	315 00	144 50	1,757 01	8,847 37
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	110 00	.....	520 00	2,563 48
Texas	.....	.....	100 00	390 50	4,981 80
Vermont	.....	70 00	.....	126 30	764 76
Virginia	.....	66 50	.....	720 50	2,240 07
West Virginia	.....	287 10	.....	1,411 10	3,130 96
Wisconsin	.....	242 00	.....	567 50	5,203 05
	$85 00	$26,087 55	$1,603 88	$183,092 97	$428,536 37

* No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the of Encampments working under contiguous State Grand Encampments;*

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876	ADD.			Total.
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CAN.						
*Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....	....	....	....	....	.....
*Harmony ..... " 2	New Westminster....	....	....	....	....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.						
†Southern Watch....No. 1	Valparaiso.....	33	....	....	....	33
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple .....No. 1	Vermillion.....	19	1	....	....	20
Yankton..... " 2	Yankton	42	....	....	....	42
Hesperian..... " 3	Elk Point.....	17	....	....	....	17
FLORIDA.						
Florida .....No. 1	Jacksonville	14	6	....	....	20
Aucilla..... " 2	Tallahassee.....	24	2	1	....	27
Excelsior..... " 4	Pensacola	25	....	....	....	25
Key West..... " 5	Key West.....	35	8	....	....	43
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.						
†Anglo-American ....No. 1	London, England....	....	....	....	....	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho .....No. 1	Boise City.....	15	2	....	....	17
LOW. PROV., B. N. A.						
Stuart .....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	25	2	....	....	27
†Milicete..... " 11	St. John, N. B.	65	....	....	....	65
Halifax ..... " 12	Halifax, N. S.....	18	4	....	....	22
Port La Joie..... " 13	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	....	31	7	....	38
MANITOBA. CANADA.						
†Harmony .....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	14	....	....	....	14
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain...No. 1	Helena.....	28	2	1	1	32
Golden Star..... " 2	Deer Lodge City	13	3	....	....	16
NEW MEXICO.						
Centennial.....No. 3	Santa Fe	21	....	....	....	21
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa .....No. 1	Lima.....	20	3	....	....	23
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal	62	14	2	....	78
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	31	1	....	....	32
UTAH.						
Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	....	....	....	....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
Alpha.....No. 1	Olympia.....	....	....	....	....	.....
Unity..... " 2	Seattle	....	5	12	....	17
WYOMING.						
Wyoming.....No. 1	Laramie.....	31	2	....	....	33
Hope..... " 2	Cheyenne	20	2	1	....	23
		572	88	24	1	685

* Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. † No report

United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877; names and location and Encampments instituted between Sept'r 1, 1877, and Sept'r 1, 1878.

ENCAMPMENTS.	DEDUCT.				Total.	Members, Dec 31, 1877.
	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.		
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CAN.						
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.						
†Southern Watch....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple .....No. 1	.....	5	.....	.....	5	15
Yankton ..... " 2	1	7	.....	.....	8	34
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	16
FLORIDA.						
Florida .....No 1	1	1	.....	.....	2	18
Aucilla ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	26
Excelsior ..... " 4	2	2	.....	.....	4	21
Key West..... " 5	1	.....	.....	.....	1	42
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.						
†Anglo-American....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
LOW. PROV., B. N. A.						
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
†Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65
Halifax ..... " 12	.....	.....	.....	1	1	21
Port La Joie ..... " 13	5	.....	.....	1	6	32
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
†Harmony .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain ...No. 1	.....	2	.....	1	3	29
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	15
NEW MEXICO.						
Centennial.....No. 3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	20
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	4	.....	.....	4	19
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
Montreal.....No. 1	3	.....	.....	1	4	74
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia .....No. 1	2	4	.....	.....	6	26
UTAH.						
‡Oquirrh .....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
*Alpha.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
WYOMING.						
Wyoming.....No. 1	.....	12	.....	.....	12	21
Hope ..... " 2	1	1	.....	.....	2	21
	17	39	.....	6	62	623

received ‡ Reports to Grand Encampment of California.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the ments working under contiguous State Grand Encampments; and Encamp-*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Past Chief Patriarchs.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CAN.							
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.							
†Southern Watch....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.							
Royal Purple.....No. 1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yankton..... " 2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hesperian..... " 3	4	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....
FLORIDA.							
Florida.....No. 1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aucilla..... " 2	10	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Excelsior..... " 4	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Key West..... " 5	4	2	2	.....	.....	$2 00	.....
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.							
†Anglo-American....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.							
Idaho.....No. 1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LOW. PROV., B. N. A.							
Stuart.....No. 10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halifax..... " 12	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Port La Joie..... " 13	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
†Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA.							
Rocky Mountain...No. 1	5	3	9	.....	1	63 00	.....
Golden Star..... " 2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.							
Centennial.....No. 3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC, CANADA.							
Montreal.....No. 1	4	2	2	.....	1	8 50	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Polynesia.....No. 1	8	1	2	.....	.....	10 00	.....
UTAH.							
‡Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.							
*Alpha.....No 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING.							
Wyoming.....No. 1	5	1	4	.....	.....	20 00	.....
Hope..... " 2	8	1	52	.....	.....	156 00	.....
	83	10	71	.....	6	$259 50	.....

* Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. † No report

United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877; names of Encampments instituted between Sept'r 1, 1877, and Sept'r 1, 1878—Continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CAN.					
*Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Harmony..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.					
†Southern Watch....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAKOTA.					
Royal Purple.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	$22 25
Yankton..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 26
Hesperian..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 90
FLORIDA					
Florida.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 50
Aucilla..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 75
Excelsior..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 50
Key West..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	202 47
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.					
†Anglo-American....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.					
Idaho.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	139 25
LOW. PROV., B. N. A.					
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 70
†Milicete..... " 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halifax..... " 12	.....	$20 00	.....	20 00	86 75
Port La Joie..... " 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	391 15
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
†Harmony.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA.					
Rocky Mountain...No. 1	.....	50 00	.....	113 00	308 50
Golden Star..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	183 75
NEW MEXICO.					
Centennial.....No. 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	121 50
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	259 50
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	8 50	289 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	10 00	307 00
UTAH.					
‡Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.					
*Alpha.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity..... " 2	.....	.....	$60 00	60 00	298 75
WYOMING.					
Wyoming.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	20 00	140 60
Hope..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	156 00	133 60
	.....	$70 00	$60 00	$389 50	$3,291 68

received. ‡ Reports to Grand Encampment of California.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Degree Conferred on			Members, Dec. 31, 1876.		Admitted during year		Total.	
		Brothers.	Wives of Brothers.	Widows.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama	4	29	26	..	36	32	29	26	65	58
*Arkansas	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Brit. Columbia	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	37	134	121	..	849	765	213	207	1,062	972
†Chile	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	2	2	4	..	.....	.....	100	67	100	67
Connecticut	14	35	38	..	998	791	54	45	1,052	836
†Dakota	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Delaware	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dist. Columbia	1	.....	.....	..	11	54	2	3	13	57
*Florida	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	9	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	59	30	59	30
Illinois	45	91	89	2	1,054	966	220	222	1,274	1,188
Indiana	180	89	82	4	1,202	1,144	89	86	1,291	1,230
Iowa	....	.....	.....	.	412	381	723	512	1,135	893
Kansas	19	96	93	..	154	122	96	93	250	215
Kentucky	23	114	13	2	107	97	115	89	222	186
*Louisiana	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L. Prov., B.N A.	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	15	207	188	..	692	598	207	188	899	786
†Maryland	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts	28	234	23	6	1,530	1,520	234	236	1,764	1,756
‡Michigan	31	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Minnesota	....	.....	.....	..	72	61	.....	.....	72	61
*Mississippi	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	18	39	24	2	222	186	105	60	327	246
†Montana	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	5	16	9	..	.....	.....	176	116	176	116
Nevada	1	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	22	48	22	48
New Hampshire	11	71	57	2	664	698	71	59	735	757
New Jersey	27	49	63	..	728	745	54	74	782	819
*New York	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina	1	.....	.....	..	36	15	.....	.....	36	15
Ohio	42	153	136	..	1,066	1,067	346	389	1,412	1,456
*Ontario	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	8	.....	11	..	109	74	7	12	116	86
§Pennsylvania	91	112	136	..	869	994	112	137	981	1,131
Rhode Island	14	105	81	3	522	508	46	54	568	562
†South Carolina	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Tennessee	....	.....	.....	..	137	98	.....	.....	137	98
Texas	5	.....	1	..	.....	.....	81	52	81	52
†Utah	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	5	11	11	..	.....	.....	213	158	213	158
†Virginia	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	12	82	124	15	268	372	82	124	350	496
Wisconsin	42	87	95	..	1,067	973	87	96	1,154	1,069
*Wyoming	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	690	1,756	1,632	36	12,805	12,261	3,543	3,183	16,348	15,444

* No report received. † No Degree Lodges of the D. of R. in this jurisdiction. ‡ Report each sex. § Report imperfect, the aggregate membership is

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT. Withd'wn		Dropped.		Expll'd		Dec'd.		Total.		Members, Dec. 31, 1877.		Not att'd to R.D. L'dg's.	
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	65	58	400	125
*Arkansas	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Brit. Columbia	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	21	33	171	94	..	..	7	8	199	135	863	837	.....	.....
†Chile	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	1	...	1	100	66	.....	.....
Connecticut	6	4	3	8	..	1	7	2	16	15	1,036	821	.....	.....
†Dakota	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Delaware	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dist. Columbia	...	...	...	2	..	..	..	1	....	3	13	54	.....	.....
*Florida	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	..	1	....	58	30	.....	.....
Illinois	18	10	206	184	1	..	9	10	234	204	1,040	984	.....	.....
Indiana	5	5	137	112	..	1	9	6	151	124	1,149	1,106	.....	792
Iowa	7	10	76	37	1	..	9	8	93	55	1,042	838	.....	.....
Kansas	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	250	215	911	805
Kentucky	3	...	5	...	..	..	1	..	9	....	213	186	114	15
*Louisiana	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L. Pr ., B.N.A.	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	16	7	10	3	..	..	7	4	33	14	866	772	.....	.....
†Maryland	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts	23	29	114	90	1	..	14	10	152	129	1,612	1,627	.....	.....
‡Michigan	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Minnesota	...	...	72	61	..	..	..	..	72	61	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mississippi	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	2	2	68	43	..	1	..	..	70	46	257	200	.....	.....
†Montana	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	176	116	.....	.....
Nevada	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	22	48	.....	.....
New Hampshire	28	11	17	8	..	..	5	8	50	27	685	730	1,798	807
New Jersey	6	5	137	111	..	..	6	8	149	124	633	695	.....	.....
*New York	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	..	1	....	35	15	.....	.....
Ohio	88	70	141	105	..	..	6	8	235	183	1,177	1,273	.....	.....
*Ontario	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	...	...	8	7	..	..	1	..	9	7	107	79	286	373
§Pennsylvania	....	13	...	133	..	1	4	5	4	152	977	979	90	93
Rhode Island	18	18	55	32	..	..	3	4	76	54	492	508	.....	.....
†South Carolina	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Tennessee	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	137	98	.....	.....
Texas	...	...	...	...	..	..	3	1	3	1	78	51	.....	.....
†Utah	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	...	1	...	10	..	..	1	1	1	12	212	146	180	.....
†Virginia	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	350	496	2,046	978
Wisconsin	13	13	297	237	..	..	8	1	318	251	836	818	.....	1,784
*Wyoming	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	254	231	1517	1277	3	4	10	86	1876	1598	14,472	13,846	5,825	5,772

imperfect in stating only the aggregate membership, without distinguishing the number of given as 1834, without distinguishing the number of each sex.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United*

JURISDICTION.	Total of the Degree.	No. relieved.				No. dece'd.		AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			
		Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid'w'd families.	Orphans.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Widowed families.	Orphans.
Alabama	648	1	...	...	...	...	...	$18 00	.....	.....	.....
*Arkansas	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Brit. Columbia	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	1,700	5	34	3	..	7	8	142 50	$431 00	$55 00	.....
†Chile	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	166	...	...	...	...	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	1,857	1	5	..	..	7	2	10 00	65 00	.....	.....
†Dakota	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Delaware	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dist. Columbia	67	..	4	..	..	...	1	.....	49 00	.....	.....
*Florida	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	88	1	...	...	..	1	...	16 00	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	2,024	8	43	1	..	9	10	43 00	293 90	25 00	.....
Indiana	3,038	2	17	..	6	9	6	4 00	177 61	.....	$1 90
Iowa	1,880	3	5	6	..	9	8	18 96	138 00	.....	6 28
Kansas	2,181	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	528	3	3	...	...	1	...	16 00	16 00	.....	.....
*Louisiana	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L. Prov., B.N.A.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	1,638	1	3	1	..	7	4	2 00	18 00	9 00	.....
†Maryland	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts	3,239	..	29	3	..	14	10	.....	332 75	17 75	.....
‡Michigan	1,229	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Minnesota	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mississippi	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	457	..	10	..	..	...	...	.....	36 50	.....	18 00
†Montana	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	292	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada	70	..	4	..	..	...	...	.....	215 00	.....	.....
New Hampshire	4,020	7	5	3	..	5	8	41 42	30 00	10 00	.....
New Jersey	1,328	..	310	..	..	6	8	.....	509 00	.....	.....
*New York	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina	50	..	...	...	..	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	2,450	..	25	3	..	6	8	.....	251 71	11 75	.....
*Ontario	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	845	..	...	...	..	1	...	.....	81 50	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	2,139	6	57	3	..	4	5	120 00	783 00	30 00	.....
Rhode Island	1,000	..	...	1	..	3	4	.....	.....	1 00	.....
†South Carolina	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Tennessee	235	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	129	1	1	...	..	3	1	25 00	10 00	.....	.....
†Utah	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	538	..	...	...	..	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Virginia	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	3,870	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	180 00	97 00	40 00
Wisconsin	3,438	4	20	4	..	8	1	25 10	180 00	25 00	.....
*Wyoming	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	41,144	43	575	28	6	102	86	$481 98	$3,797 97	$281 50	$66 18

* No report received. † No Degree Lodges of the D. of R. in this jurisdiction.
‡ Report imperfect in stating only the aggregate amount paid for relief.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1877—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.		Total relief.	Paid for expenses.	Total receipts.	Total assets.
	Burying the dead.	Special relief.				
Alabama	.....	.....	$18 00	$24 00	$42 00	$250 00
*Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Brit. Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	$141 90	.....	770 40	2,496 57	5,142 14	.....
†Chile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	69 00	$32 00	176 00	672 85	2,262 62	4,248 67
†Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dist. Columbia	.....	.....	49 00	68 00	81 33	571 23
*Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	.....	.....	16 00	.....	27 50	.....
Illinois	90 00	.....	451 90	893 52	1,757 16	2,987 64
Indiana	35 50	.....	219 01	615 33	1,099 86	1,530 88
Iowa	.....	.....	163 24	732 00	1,160 00	2,083 00
Kansas	.....	.....	.....	61 45	117 15	195 50
Kentucky	.....	.....	32 00	113 30	1,065 30	66 95
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L. Prov., B.N.A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	5 00	.....	34 00	696 95	1,076 33	1,060 84
†Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts	95 45	62 14	508 09	2,740 05	4,018 40	10,958 31
‡Michigan	.....	.....	84 46	336 33	484 86	1,489 08
†Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	.....	.....	54 50	220 70	466 50	439 00
†Montana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 10	175 00
Nevada	25 00	45 00	285 00	386 65	665 00	1,267 34
New Hampshire	.....	.....	81 42	404 32	533 75	1,894 54
New Jersey	.....	.....	509 00	.....	1,635 04	.....
*New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	29 80	30 85	19 14
Ohio	38 50	.....	301 96	653 50	1,076 38	2,970 20
*Ontario	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	.....	81 50	.....	348 35	.....
Pennsylvania	61 50	.....	994 50	1,876 49	2,708 82	4,728 98
Rhode Island	16 30	20 00	37 30	1,190 32	1,492 14	3,226 81
†South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	20 00	.....	55 00	10 18	32 35	85 50
†Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	4 00	31 21	3 86
†Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	.....	30 00	347 00	450 00	475 00	1,670 00
Wisconsin	43 10	.....	273 20	57 25	1,456 94	3,857 77
*Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$641 25	$189 14	$5,542 48	$14,733 56	$29,323 08	$45,780 24

* No report received. † No Degree Lodges of the D. of R. in this jurisdiction.
‡ Report imperfect in stating only the aggregate amount paid for relief.

On motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O F.:

Section 1, Article VII. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, constitutes the Grand Treasurer the custodian of all the moneys, and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, etc., of the Grand Lodge, and requires him to lay before the Grand Lodge at its stated communication in September, annually, a full and correct statement of his accounts.

In obedience to the injunctions of the Constitution, the undersigned has the honor of communicating to your honorable Grand Body the subjoined statement of the operations of the monetary affairs of the department of the treasury, during the fiscal year terminating with the 31st day of August, 1878, and the condition of the treasury at the date of this report.

1877. DR. GRAND TREASURER.

Aug.	31.	Cash balance in the treasury, as per the report of the Grand Treasurer, page 7310 of Journal of 1877, and as per report of Committee on Finance, page 7398 of Journal of 1877			$13,474 91
Sept.	4.	Sale of fire-proof safe			300 00
Oct.	9.	Per diem returned by Isaac A. Sheppard, G. Rep. of Pennsylvania			6 00
Sept.	21.	Proceeds of sale of $3,000 of U. S. bonds of 1865, "called in" August 21, 1877	$3,112 12		
"	"	Proceeds of sale of $500 of bonds of 1865 to meet current expenses, at 5½ premium	527 50		
Nov.	30.	Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of U. S. bonds of 1865, to meet current expenses, at 6½ premium	2,122 50		
1878.					
Aug.	28.	Proceeds of sale of $2,000 of U. S. bonds of 1865, "called in" July 30, 1878	2,016 25		
					7,778 37
Jan.	3.	Interest on $10,000 of U. S. bonds	300 00		
		Premium on $300 in gold, at 2½ per cent	7 50		
July	11.	Interest on $10,000 of U. S. bonds	300 00		
		Premium on $300 in gold, at ¼ per cent	75		
					608 25
		Received from G. Secretary on account of interest			1 72
Aug.	31.	Received from Grand Secretary on account of sales of supplies, dues of Subordinates, and from Grand Representative tax during the fiscal year ending with this date			30,464 55
		Total			$52,633 80

1877. CR. GRAND TREASURER.

Sept.	20.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives that attended the session of the Grand Lodge in 1877, for mileage and per diem, as per report of committee on that subject, page 7440, Journal of 1877, and per special resolution, page 7480	$18,895 00
"	"	By Warrant No. 960, G. Rep. J. M. Jones, for per diem services on Committee on Supplies	18 00
"	"	No. 961, G. Rep. J. D. Cleaver, mileage and per diem, same committee	47 40
"	"	" 962, G. Rep. Wm. J. Miller, mileage and per diem, same committee	95 20
"	"	" 963, P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson, mileage and per diem, same committee	47 40
"	"	" 964, G. Rep. W. R. McLean, mileage and per diem, same committee	30 00
"	"	" 965, G. Sec. James L. Ridgely, per diem, same committee	12 00
"	"	" 966, G. Treas. Joshua Vansant, per diem, same committee	18 00
"	"	" 967, Ass'nt G. Sec. T. A. Ross, per diem, same committee	18 00
"	"	" 968, G. Sire J. W. Stokes, official expenses for twelve months	45 50
"	"	" 969, G. Rep. John H. White, making index to Vol. 8, Journal	100 00
"	"	" 970, H. Simons, return of Representative tax which had been paid by jurisdiction of Utah	75 00
"	"	" 971, Peter Hamma, return of Representative tax which had been paid by jurisdiction of Wyoming	75 00
"	22.	" 972, J. F. Schweitzer, service at session of G. L.	25 00
"	"	" 973, Jas. Young, on account of printing Daily Journal	250 00
"	"	" 974, J. E. Chamberlain, postage on Daily Journal	254 20
Oct.	1.	" 975, B. Mayer, Spanish translation of Charge and Degree Books	100 00
Sept	26.	" 976, John McGeoch, services preparing room and at session of Grand Lodge	44 00
Oct.	8,	" 977, Insurance on paper for printing Revised Journal	18 00
"	12.	" 978, Harrington & Mills, repairing furniture of Grand Lodge	31 10
"	15.	" 979, Sherwood & Co., printing funeral hymns	22 00
"	19.	Gr. Secretary Jas. L. Ridgely, Historiographer, on account of appropriation	500 00
"	22.	No. 980, James Young, printing Daily Journal	153 51
"	"	" 981, Safe Deposit Co., for keeping U. S. bonds.	14 00
Nov.	2.	" 982, J. L. Murphy, printing reports of Grand Officers	242 94
"	10.	" 983, John Medole & Son, printing Digest	340 20
"	9.	" 984, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for reports and Daily Journal	244 80
"	"	" 985, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for flat cap paper	6 44
"	12.	" 986, P. Wetzell, ice for office of G. Secretary	7 90
"	10.	" 987, Geo. F. Lewis, printing cards	110 40

Nov. 21.	No. 988, Chas. Heinrich, translation of German documents		$25 00
" 15.	" 989, W. F. Hesse, repairing stoves, office of Grand Secretary		7 25
" 30.	" 990, G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, 3 months' salary		750 00
" "	" 991, Asst. G. Sec. T. A. Ross, 3 months' salary		500 00
" "	" 992, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, 3 months' salary		250 00
" "	" 993, J. E. Chamberlain, for incidental expenses, office of G. Secretary		65 00
" "	" 994, J. E. Chamberlain, postage on Revised Journal to G. Representatives, &c		81 86
Dec. 12.	" 995, J. L. Murphy, express freight on Revised Journal to G. Representatives		7 00
" 15.	" 996, A. Hoen & Co., book of warrants		12 00
" 10.	" 997, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal		540 00
" 12.	" 998, John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies		315 87
" 13.	" 999, C. E. Eccleston, carpenter work in office of Grand Secretary		3 00
" 31.	" 1000, Otto Schaettle, for translations of German letters		20 00
" 21.	" 1001, Gibson Brothers, printing for office of G. Secretary		14 50
" 26.	" 1002, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal		540 00
1878.			
Jan. 4.	" 1003, Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards		27 60
" 3.	" 1004, F. Bergner, for picture frame		2 25
1877.			
Dec. 29.	" 1005, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal		540 00
1878.			
Jan. 7.	" 1006, Diggs & Bro., coal for office of G. Sec.		13 00
" 11.	" 1007, J. L. Murphy, printing Revised Journal		1,371 18
" 14.	" 1008, John Medole & Son, printing odes		79 50
" "	" 1009, John Medole & Son, for freight on boxes to Chile and Peru		13 38
" "	" 1010, M. C. Lilley & Co., for German Digests		18 00
" 12.	" 1011, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal		540 00
" 15.	" 1012, Grand Lodge of Maryland, six months' ground rent		30 00
" 12.	" 1013, Geo. L. Roche, painting in G. Sec. office		56 65
" 15.	" 1014, Howell & Bro., papering office of G. Sec.		40 72
" "	" 1015, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for Revised Journal		216 54
" 16.	" 1016, F. S. Ostheim, special appropriation of 1877 for expenses as D. D. G. Sire for the Netherlands, &c		102 50
" 31.	" 1017, R. J. Strickland, subscription to *Odd Fellows' Chronicle*		3 25
Feb. 11.	" 1018, A. L. Spear, clock for office of G. Sec		12 00
" 14.	" 1019, Geo. F. Lewis, printing cards		217 00
" 28.	" 1020, G. Sec. Jas. L. Ridgely, 3 months' salary.		750 00
" "	" 1021, Asst. G. Sec. T. A. Ross, 3 months' salary		500 00
" "	" 1022, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, 3 months' salary		250 00

Feb. 28.	No. 1023,	J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, expenses of Grand Secretary's office	$84 61
March 5.	" 1024,	W. F. Hesse, repairing roof of G. Sec'y's office	6 50
" 6.	" 1025,	D. G. Sire John B. Harmon, to pay expenses to Australia, as per resolution of Grand Lodge	1,000 00
" 12.	" 1026,	A. H. De Lorte, translating odes into French	15 00
" 15.	" 1027,	Rawlings & Brunner, for binding Supplemental Digests	18 00
" 25.	" 1028,	John Medole & Son, for paper boxes	33 25
April 3.	" 1029,	Insurance on library, furniture, and portraits	57 60
" 10.	" 1030,	John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies	207 30
" 18.	Gr. Secretary	James L. Ridgely, Historiographer, as per resolution of Grand Lodge session of 1877, balance of appropriation	2 500 00
" 22.	No. 1031,	W. H. Dougal, on account of new diploma plate	600 00
" 30.	" 1032,	John L. Murphy, printing and binding Vols. 5 and 6 of Journal	488 11
" 27.	" 1033,	Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, for paper	14 14
" 29.	" 1034,	M. C. Lilley & Co., for German Digests	12 00
May 9.	" 1035,	Geo. F. Lewis, printing diplomas	225 31
" 15.	" 1036,	Insurance on electro-plates	30 00
" 11.	" 1037,	Insurance on Grand Lodge building	3 75
" 22.	" 1038,	Joseph Vansant, for German translations	17 00
" 15.	" 1039,	J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, for postage, freight, &c	136 52
" 31.	" 1040,	G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, for 3 months' salary	750 00
" "	" 1041,	Ass't G. Sec'y T. A. Ross, for 3 months' salary	500 00
" "	" 1042,	J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, for 3 months' salary	250 00
June 15.	" 1043,	Geo. F. Lewis, insurance on steel plates in printing office, Philadelphia	14 00
" 18.	" 1044,	John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies	518 35
" 15.	" 1045,	Geo. F. Lewis, printing diplomas	35 00
" 22.	" 1046,	Joseph H. Daniel, for services in preparing Book of Odes	30 00
" "	" 1047,	Wm. H. Dougal, balance for diploma plate	1,000 00
July 10.	" 1048,	Gr. Lodge of Maryland, rent of premises, &c., for one year, and six months' ground rent	355 00
" 19.	" 1049,	John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies	648 54
" 22.	" 1050,	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards and diplomas	136 55
Aug. 24.	" 1051,	M. C. Lilley & Co., for German Digests	7 00
" 30.	" 1052,	James Young, for printing for office of Gr. Secretary	19 75
" "	" 1053,	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards	151 80
" "	" 1054,	John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies	63 70
" "	" 1055,	J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery for 12 months	143 84

Aug. 31.	No. 1056, G. Sec. Jas. L. Ridgely, 3 months' salary		$750 00
" "	" 1057, Ass't G. Sec. T. A. Ross, " "		500 00
" "	" 1058, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, 3 months' salary		250 00
" "	" 1059, J. E. Chamberlain, expenses in office of Grand Secretary		102 03
" "	" 1060, G. Treas. J. Vansant, for 81 check stamps		1 62
" "	" 1061, " " for 12 months' salary		500 00
	Total disbursements		$41,972 31
	Cash balance, 31st of August, 1878		10,661 49
			$52,633 80

According to the foregoing statement, the aggregate receiving or debit account of the Grand Treasurer is	$52,633 80
And the aggregate credit or disbursing account is	41,972 31
Showing a cash balance in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of	$10,661 49

To the end that the Grand Lodge may understand this money account, it is proper to state that while the debit side of the Treasurer's account exhibits the total amount chargeable to that officer, it does not in the *aggregate* indicate the *revenue proper* for the fiscal year, for the reason that it includes a cash balance of $13,474.91, brought forward from August 31, 1877, the date of the closing of the preceding fiscal year, and also includes the proceeds of the sale of $7,500 of United States 5-20 bonds of 1865, amounting to $7,778.37. Deducting those two items from the aggregate amount of cash which the Grand Treasurer charges himself with, to wit, $52,633.80; and it will show that the revenue proper for the fiscal year ending with the 31st of August, 1878, was $31,380.52; which was derived from the following sources, to wit:

Supplies and Representative Tax	$30,464 55
Interest on United States Bonds	608 25
Sale of Fire-Proof Iron Safe	300 00
Amount of per diem returned by G. Rep. Sheppard	6 00
Interest account	1 72
Total	$31,380 52

From the foregoing state of facts the revenue and expenses proper for the fiscal year may be stated as follows:

Expenses	$41,972 31
Revenue	31,380 52
Balance against revenue	$10,591 79

The expenditures of the year were materially increased by, what is generally termed, extraordinary expenses, to wit:

Preparation of the History of the Order	$3,000 00
Mission to Australia	1,000 00
New Diploma Plate	1,600 00
Aggregating	$5,600 00

On the other hand, the general depression of trade and productive industry, the depreciation in the values of property and productions, and the scarcity of employment for those who depend upon physical labor for support, that have marked the times for the last two or three years in all the domain of the United States, in addition to other causes known to those famil-

iar with the distribution of supplies to subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, have contributed to affect the sources of revenue of the Grand Lodge during the period indicated. The Subordinate Lodges of the Order, in the matter of their membership, and in their revenues, have not been exempt from the prejudicial effects of the state of the country. A favorable change in the condition of the people will bring with it a more vigorous vitality in all the departments of the Order.

The available assets of the Grand Lodge—which means cash money, and that which can at pleasure be converted into cash—on the day of making up this report, to wit: August 31, 1878, were—

Cash in the treasury	$10,661 49
United States 5-20 Bonds, par value	8,000 00
Total	$18,661 49
On the 31st of August, 1877, the cash balance was	$13,474 91
And the U. S. Bonds owned by the Grand Lodge, at par, were	15,500 00
Total	$28,974 91
Showing that the diminution in those two items during the fiscal year terminating Aug. 31, 1878, was	$10,313 42

It may be observed by an examination of the tabular statement that the Grand Treasurer disposed of $7,500 of U. S. bonds. The sale of $5,500 of these was rendered necessary to contribute to the payment of the mileage and per diem of the last session of the Grand Lodge, and the printing of the Daily and Revised Journals, and other expenses incurred in the first few months of the year. The other $2,000 of bonds were called in by the government on the 30th of July, 1878, and the proceeds of the same contributed to increase the cash balance.

It is to the Grand Treasurer a matter of regret that he cannot present a more favorable report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge in the department which is especially, by the Constitution, placed under his charge. It is, however, as he conceives, his duty to present the money affairs as they exist, accompanied with such remarks or explanations in that connection as may render the Grand Lodge intelligent upon the subject, to the end that it may, if deemed by it necessary, adopt such legislation in that connection as its wisdom may suggest. In his judgment, he would be faithless to the responsible trust reposed in him by the favor of the Grand Lodge if he did less than this.

It is respectfully suggested that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to dispose of such amount of the bonds of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary to meet any deficiency of cash moneys in the treasury to meet its obligations.

He has also the honor of reporting the condition of the Wildey Monument Fund.

Dr., Grand Treasurer.

1877.	Aug.	31.	To cash balance	$718 48
1878.	Jan.	3.	To 6 months' interest on $2,000 of U.S. bonds	60 00
			Premium on $60 in gold at 2½ per cent	1 50
"	July	11.	To 6 months' interest on $2,000 of U.S. bonds	60 00
"	"	"	Premium of $60 in gold at ¼ per cent	15
			Total	$840 13

Cr., Grand Treasurer.

1878.	July	1.	By cash paid J. F. Schweitzer, for 12 months' salary as keeper of monument	50 00
			Cash balance	$790 13

The assets of the fund consist of,	
United States 5–20 bonds at par value	$2,000 00
Cash balance, as above	790 13
Total	$2,790 13

Fraternally submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Baltimore, September 2, 1878.

On motion of Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro. JOHN B. HARMON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Special Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand, submitted his report, as follows:

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The duty of visiting Australia and New Zealand, under the resolution of this body at its last session, devolved upon the Deputy Grand Sire. Nothing but my sense of obligation to the Order could have induced me to abandon business and take the hazards of the trip. At one time I had concluded that the object in view did not justify the money to be expended, nor the other personal sacrifices to be made, and, therefore, refused to accept the alternative appointment of the resolution. It was matter of doubt, too, whether those jurisdictions would consent to the plan decided upon, and the mortification of failure would be my only compensation. After correspondence between the Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and myself, I decided to accept the appointment. For that correspondence see the reports of those officers.

1. On the 15th day of April, 1878, your Commissioner left San Francisco, and landed at Auckland, May 7th. The correspondence just named will show the plan of adjustment he intended to propose to Australia and New Zealand. The situation was this: The Grand Lodge of Australia existed under Charter issued in 1868 by the G. L. of U. S., and was exercising jurisdiction over the whole of Australia and Tasmania or Van Diemen s Land. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand existed under Charter issued February 13, 1869, by said Grand Lodge of Australia, and was exercising jurisdiction over New Zealand. No other Grand Lodges existed or now exist in either country.

The Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia made it a quasi sovereignty there; reserving to the G. L. of U. S. the power to prescribe the work, the traveling password, and the qualifications for membership in the Order. (Journal G. L. of U. S., 4295.)

This Grand Lodge has, apparently, always understood this Charter to embrace Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand: and hence, until recently, our correspondence has been with the Grand Lodge of Australia alone. This seems strange, because on its face the Charter includes Australia only, and has nothing to do with the other two countries, which are totally distinct from Australia in all respects. The real difficulty has been the general ignorance in Europe and America of these far-off Colonies of Great Britain; the ignorance on the part of the Odd Fellows there of the intention of the G. L. of U. S. in 1868 to create one sovereign Grand Lodge for the whole of Australasia. Possibly, we were not then quite so clear as to our own intentions as we are now. Time has taught us many things.

Further, up to this hour the G. L. of U. S. has never seen the Charter

of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, nor has it known its contents. A copy of it is hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit A," and it is an exact copy (names being changed) of the Charter issued by this body to the Grand Lodge of Australia just referred to. That is to say, the Grand Lodge of Australia, having received from us a Charter with quasi sovereign power in Australia, at once granted New Zealand a Charter with like power there: as to which I will say more in another part of this report.

As this Charter was delivered to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by Special Commissioner MEACHAM, it is not surprising that thereafter that Lodge considered itself independent of Australia, with the consent of the G. L. of U. S. There was, however, between those countries a difference of opinion as to their respective powers. New Zealand claimed to be independent; and in Australia opinions varied—some holding that New Zealand was right in her claim, others that she was subordinate. Both jurisdictions were opposed to the formation of a new Grand Lodge to which they should yield obedience. New Zealand especially was averse to any connection with Australia. Indeed, in the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at its session in September, October, and November, 1877, the Proceedings of which reached me a few days before leaving California, an amendment to its Constitution was offered, the preamble of which says: "Whereas, among other privileges, this G. L. of N. Z., having by virtue of its Constitution full power to adjust its system of government on the same principles as the *Grand Lodges of the United States and the German Empire*," &c. This was laid over for action until this year.

Here was assumption of the most enlarged powers, by a body we designed to be subordinate to the one Grand Lodge created by us in 1868. As confirmation of this I may add, that the first time I entered a Lodge in New Zealand, the Initiatory and Degree Books placed in my hands bore on their title-pages these words: "Reprinted by the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. P. V. G. F. Humffray, Printer, 1875." The next page runs:

"Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Elective.

(Here follow the names of the five elective officers.)

Appointed.

(Five names follow.)

Past Grand Masters.

(Three names follow.)"

Such was the condition upon the arrival of your Commissioner in New Zealand. The correspondence between the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and myself before mentioned, had resulted in the following plan as the proper solution of the Australian troubles:

1st. To erect into a sovereignty, similar to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, the Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, in Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, under the name of "*The R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F.*" with jurisdiction over the whole of that country, and with a Charter from the G. L. of U. S.

2d. To have the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand surrender their existing Charters and each to accept a new one from said Grand Lodge of Australasia; except that in the case of Australia, the Charter should be to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, with jurisdiction over the Subordinates in that Colony, leaving the Subordinates in the other Colonies of Australia and in Tasmania under the direct jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australasia until Grand Lodges were established; or attaching such Subordinates to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, as should be deemed best; thus inaugurating in Australasia a governmental system precisely like our own.

The resolution of the G. L. of U. S. at its last session was construed to give the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary full power to issue a Charter from the G. L. of U. S. to such Grand Lodge of Australasia. Accordingly such a Char-

ter was prepared and placed in possession of your Commissioner, a copy of which is annexed to the report of the Grand Secretary.

Upon reaching Dunedin, after visiting many Subordinates on the way, your Commissioner found that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had been regularly summoned in special session to meet him. He drew up and presented to that body for adoption, the preamble and resolutions, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked "Exhibit B," as embodying the plan proposed. There was opposition, but after full discussion, on two nights, the resolutions were unanimously passed, and the sentiment finally became as strong for, as it had been against the new Grand Lodge. The Charter of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand issued by the Grand Lodge of Australia in 1869, as before stated, was put in my hands as Representative of New Zealand, to be surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Australasia when formed.

The members of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand met your Commissioner in the most fraternal spirit, and entered into all our mutual discussions with the most liberal and intelligent views. They had never clearly understood our system of government in Odd Fellowship. When it was thoroughly expounded, they saw its perfect fitness to Australasia. Not only so; but they became satisfied that the Order would never be fully grown there without the prestige and controlling power of a Supreme Grand Lodge.

Looking to the future, it is proper here to state a fact and make some suggestions. The main objection in New Zealand to the new plan was that this country was a totally distinct country from Australia, the two having nothing whatever in common. This surprised me. In America we regard them as essentially one; one geographically; peopled by the same race, and governed by the same Queen. Nothing can be further from the truth. New Zealand is as distinct from Australia as France from England or Spain. It is further from New Zealand to Australia than from Africa to South America, and between the two former rolls a rough and mountainous ocean. Sir Charles Dilke, an Englishman, in his recent book entitled "The Greater Britain," says:

"Australasia is a term much used at home to express the whole of our antipodean possessions; in the Colonies themselves the name is almost unknown, or, if used, is meant to embrace Australia and Tasmania, not Australia and New Zealand. * * * * *

"Had Australia and New Zealand been close together, instead of as far apart as Africa and South America, there could have been no political connection between them so long as the traditions of their first settlement endured. Not only is the name 'Australasia' politically meaningless, however, but it is also geographically incorrect, for New Zealand and Australia are as completely separated from each other as Great Britain and Massachusetts. No promontory of Australia runs out to within one thousand miles of any New Zealand Cape, the distance between Sydney and Wellington is fourteen hundred miles, from Sydney to Auckland is as far. The distance from the nearest point of New Zealand to Tasman's peninsula, which itself projects somewhat from Tasmania, is greater than that of London from Algiers; from Wellington to Sydney, opposite ports, is as far as from Manchester to Iceland, or from Africa to Brazil * * * * The seas which separate Australia from New Zealand are cold, bottomless, without islands, torn by Arctic currents, swept by polar gales, and traversed in all weathers by a mountainous swell. * * * * * Not only is the intervening ocean wide and cold, but New Zealand presents to Australia a rugged coast guarded by reefs and bars, and backed by a snowy range, while she turns toward Polynesia and America all her ports and bays.

"*No two countries in the world are so wholly distinct as Australia and New Zealand.* The islands of New Zealand are inhabited by Polynesians, the Australian continent by negroes. New Zealand is ethnologically nearer to America, Australia to Africa, than New Zealand to Australia.

"If we turn from ethnology to scenery and climate, the countries are still more distinct * * * * * It is impossible to conceive coun-

tries more unlike each other than are our two great divisions of the South. Their very fossils are as dissimilar as are their flora and fauna of our time."

Having read this book on my trip out; having conversed with new Zealanders and Australians on the ship, having, after reaching Auckland and during my journey thence to Dunedin, put to scores of persons this question: "If New Zealand and Australia were to separate from England, would the former unite with Australia or form an independent nation?" and having uniformly received the answer: "New Zealand would be a nation by itself:" your Commissioner had nearly concluded that New Zealand ought to be an independent sovereignty in Odd Fellowship, as the leading men of the Order there maintained.

A few, however, insisted that in case of separation from England, New Zealand, Australia, and Tasmania would form a Confederation. Besides, just now there are quite a number of English and Colonial Statesmen who are advancing the idea of a great Confederation for the entire British Empire: and this is the special plan of Sir JULIUS VOGEL, one of New Zealand's most influential public men.

So that all things considered your Commissioner determined to adhere, if possible, to the original plan; bent all his energies to it, and succeeded. It seemed unwise for Odd Fellows to set the example of disunion. The case of Canadian Odd Fellowship under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of U. S., notwithstanding that Canada is politically united with England, at once offered proof that unity in Odd Fellowship is consistent with disunion in politics. At all events the plan should have a fair trial.

There was so much question as to its practical working, that it was verbally understood between your Commissioner and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, that the power should be somewhere reserved to the G. L. of U. S. hereafter to detach New Zealand from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australasia if experience proved it wise. Upon suggesting this to the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Australia, it was agreed to insert in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Australasia a provision to that effect. All in Australia said, that without such agreement there would be no difficulty in future separation should New Zealand desire it.

2. Having obtained the consent of New Zealand to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, your Commissioner proceeded to Melbourne, and at once opened negotiations with the authorities there.

The Grand Master had called a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Australia by proper previous notice, instead of a meeting of the whole Grand Lodge. This was under a provision of its Constitution, that when the Grand Lodge is not in session the Standing Committee (composed of the Elective Officers, and the Junior P. G. M.) should constitute and have all the powers of the Grand Lodge, except the power to repeal, alter, and amend its Constitution. Under this clause the Standing Committee supposed they had power to assent to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Australasia. As, however, the plan proposed involved surrender of the Charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia, a change of name to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the acceptance of a new Charter from the Grand Lodge of Australasia, it was doubtful whether the powers of the committee were sufficient. But, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Australia, there was not time to summon the whole Grand Lodge.

After two sessions of the Standing Committee, at which your Commissioner as such, and as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was present, the plan proposed was informally agreed to, and the committee adjourned to July 1, 1878.

It was determined that in the interim your Commissioner should visit as many Subordinate Lodges as possible, explain the plan and get it approved by members of the Grand Lodge. This was done; and everywhere the committee were advised to adopt it.

After visiting Subordinates, your Commissioner returned to Melbourne, June 28th. Meanwhile he had resolved upon this course, to wit:

1st. To assume that the Standing Committee constituted the Grand Lodge for all the purposes in hand, and to have it adopt the plan named.

2d. To have the committee report its action to the Grand Lodge at its session in August for ratification.

3d. To summon as many members of the Grand Lodge as could get to Melbourne in time, and on the 1st day of July to institute them and the Standing Committee as the "Grand Lodge of Australasia."

Accordingly, July 1, 1878, at noon, the Standing Committee met pursuant to adjournment and adopted the following preamble and resolution:

(The Preamble is identical with that prefixed to the New Zealand resolutions hereinbefore referred to, and marked Exhibit B.)

The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved: That this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby consents to the formation of said 'The R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F.' in accordance with said proposition and under said Charter; and further consents to accept from said 'The R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F.,' in lieu of the Charter which it now has, a new Charter with the powers in all matters relating to Odd Fellowship in Victoria usually granted in Charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States to its several State Grand Lodges."

In the afternoon of that day I instituted the Grand Lodge of Australasia at Odd Fellows' Hall, Melbourne, with the following members: Wm. Gane, G. M., Wm. Judge, D. G. M.; W. H. T. Wilks, G. W.; J. H. B. Curtis, G. Sec.; Wm. Stirling, G. T.; Past Grand Masters Wright, Crews, Batcheldor, Kidston, Moir, Ross, Dunn, and Laing; Past Grands Braim, Griffiths, E. D. Williams, Barnard, Thomson, Kelly, Collis, Sibthorpe, Condy, McIver, J. L. Williams, Williamson, McMasters, Burton, Einsiedel, Allow, Watron, Bissmir, Taylor, Drummond, McKee, McKenzie, Gordon, King, and Lee; and delivered to the Lodge the Charter hereinbefore named.

The Lodge then elected the following officers:

William Stirling, M. W. Grand Sire; Michael Kidston, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; J. H. B. Curtis, Grand Secretary; John Moir, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Sire appointed the following officers:

Fredrick Batcheldor, Grand Marshal; T. W. Wright, Grand Guardian; Wm. Judge, Grand Messenger—all of whom were regularly installed, when the Grand Lodge adjourned to Saturday, July 6, 1878, to adopt a Constitution. On that day the Lodge met, and a draft of a Constitution previously prepared by your Commissioner in consultation with the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Australia, and modeled after the Constitution of the G. L. of U. S., was considered; when the Lodge, after ordering a seal and directing that a Charter be issued to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, postponed the further consideration of a Constitution until October, to which time the Lodge adjourned.

It was impossible to convert the Grand Lodge of Australia into the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in accordance with the plan, before I left, because of certain formalities required by a new Friendly Societies' Act.

Both in New Zealand and Australia new Acts had been passed at the last session of their Parliaments, and committees of the Grand Bodies were preparing new Constitutions and rules for registration under those Acts when I arrived. This was fortunate, as the new system of government in Odd Fellowship will be harmonized with the new laws of the land.

The Grand Lodge of Australasia has started with a superior set of officers. All of them, including the appointed officers, are Past Grand Masters, excepting Bro. Judge, who is D. G. M., and Bro. Curtis, who is, and since the death of Bro. Vine has been, Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Australia. Grand Sire Stirling was first Grand Master of the G. L. of Australia, and is a business man of wealth and standing in the community; one of those men whose integrity is unsullied, whose word is as good as his bond. He has the unbounded confidence of Odd Fellows and his heart is in the new organization. Deputy Grand Sire Kidston is a lawyer of high character, with

most refined tastes, whom to know well is to love. Grand Secretary CURTIS is a learned man, of brain, heart, and energy; the right man in the right place. Grand Treasurer MOIR, with whom I have less acquaintance, is one of the clearest-headed men I met. Similar things could be said of the appointed officers. Many of the other members of the Grand Lodge, several of whom are Past Grand Masters, are men of experience, intelligence, and of strong determination to make the Lodge a complete success.

3. Before leaving I addressed a letter of instruction and suggestion to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, of which I have no copy. The substance of it was a clear idea of the manner in which the G. L. of U. S. conducted its business, whether in open or secret session; the duty of guarding carefully the secret work, which should now pass into the custody of the Grand Lodge of Australasia; and suggestions as to the propriety of the Grand Sire of that Lodge consulting the Grand Sire of the G. L. of U. S. in certain supposed cases before acting himself.

Your Commissioner had no trouble in getting Australia and New Zealand to adopt our views as to the necessity of having all cards issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This brings me to a point where I desire to present a thought or two in connection with our foreign jurisdictions. In what respects are they *sovereign?* In what are they more sovereign than our State Grand Lodges, save in the power to grant Charters to new Grand Bodies? In the Charters to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire and to the Grand Lodge of Australasia we reserve the power to give the work written and unwritten, the traveling password, and the card. The questions suggested involve the extent of these *reservations*, and I think the reservations will in the future be found to cover a large number of practical questions which will arise in these foreign countries; that it will be necessary for us to hold that the G. L. of U. S. has the *exclusive* power to construe these reservations. Otherwise there might be a half dozen conflicting decisions by different foreign sovereign Grand Bodies.

Your Commissioner, therefore, respectfully advised the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of Australasia and also the Grand Lodge itself, that if a question arose which might involve these reservations, it would be wise at once to seek a decision by the Grand Sire of the G. L. of U. S., as that decision would be reviewed by that body in the ordinary course of business without appeal, and its action be final.

Again: it has been seen that the Grand Lodge of Australia granted to New Zealand a Charter with power in that country as sovereign as Australia itself possessed. I contended at Dunedin that their Charter was originally void, because in excess of the power granted to the Grand Lodge of Australia, and that any action by the G. L. of U. S. recognizing that Charter was in ignorance of its terms. In short, this is the proposition: Can the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, for example, create within Germany another *Sovereign* Grand Lodge? No, in my judgment. In such case, the principle that delegated power cannot itself be delegated, must apply; else we may in time have a hundred so-called Sovereign Grand Lodges not created by the G. L. of U. S.

Again: If these foreign Grand Lodges have the secret work, it would seem that they ought also to have copies of some portions at least of our secret Journal; otherwise they must remain ignorant of many things essential to uniformity. They are in theory bound by legislation of which they can know nothing.

4. This report might end here, as it contains a history of the final adjustment of our complications in Australasia. This adjustment, however, your Commissioner feels to be a very small part of his mission. The new life which has been infused into the Odd Fellowship of that country constitutes the success, and amply justifies the time and money expended. The real good done has been on the floor of the Subordinate Lodge; and I would be faithless to my brothers there and to the Order, if I omitted all account

of our meetings. It is impracticable to give details of visits to Subordinates, of daily private instructions and advice to individuals. It would be interesting to do so; and each Lodge naturally wishes an account of its part in the general movement. To gratify the wish would swell this report into hundreds of pages. I was on land nine weeks. Setting aside two weeks for direct efforts in reorganizing the Grand Bodies, seven weeks were left, during which your Commissioner, so far as he had capacity, turned himself into an apostle of Odd Fellowship and went around on a pilgrimage; making in that time forty-five addresses, besides initiating, exemplifying the work, and conversing nearly the whole day. In short every *hour* from nine in the morning till one o'clock at night was occupied. To write out an account of it all would make a book; and my brothers in Australia and New Zealand must excuse brevity upon this field of our common labors.

In New Zealand I visited Lodges at Wellington, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, and Dunedin; and in Australia, at places too numerous to name. Your Commissioner soon saw that what was wanted was an earnest discussion of the higher principles of the Order; and that nothing need be said upon its financial features. Men join the Lodge, and are not seen in it again for a year; but their dues are punctually passed through the wicket by their wives or children and the receipt passed out. The benefit system is better understood and managed in Australasia than here. The scale of dues and benefits is fixed by an actuary. No guess-work about it. It is settled on business principles. Indeed Lodges furnish the doctor and medicine for members and their families. Advertisements like this in papers may be seen any time in New Zealand and Australia.

"Tenders are required for Medical Attendance for the members, their wives, and families, for ensuing six months. Tenders will be received up to 8 P. M., on the 26th inst. HENRY SUMMERS, *Secretary.*"

On such a notice doctors put in bids. The result of the system is that a brother pays five dollars per year additional dues and gets doctor and medicine free. Statistics show that the doctor receives about twenty-five dollars per year for each member he attends. So that financially considered the system works well for the brother, the doctor, and the Lodge. Men join the Lodge for this express purpose.

Your Commissioner, therefore, devoted his energies to the intellectual and moral features of Odd Fellowship; to the lifting of it from the mire and slough of a mere benefit society into the upper sky of human sympathy, of organized good will among men. How far he succeeded is for time and others to tell. He ought to say, that everywhere he was greeted with a loud, "Amen." Effort in this direction was the one great need. The soil of Odd Fellowship was becoming crusted over; and wanted deep ploughing, thorough harrowing, and fresh seeding. Friendly societies there are far more numerous than here; and their almost exclusive aim is money aid. Hence their members are generally men who earn their daily bread by the daily labor of their hands. Men of more means and more cultivation do not want such aid and do not join such societies. In other words these societies there are not composed of all classes of men as here; and therefore they lack our power for good. Odd Fellowship is surrounded by such societies and feels the effect. To make it cut loose from such moorings and set its sail to stronger winds, was the object of your Commissioner. He believes, too, he has left behind him brothers who will keep the ball in motion. BRAITHWAITE, WHEELER, BOYD, BRACKEN, MCGAW, and others in New Zealand; STIRLING, KIDSTON, CURTIS, BATCHELDOR, COOK, GANE, DUNN, Ross, and others in Australia, are capable of doing so. I would rejoice to tell of my delightful intercourse with them; it will remain a memory forever.

Upon leaving Melbourne your Commissioner was presented with an address, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit C."

5. A word as to the Manchester Unity. Your Commissioner thought, and doubtless this Grand Lodge thinks, that our Order in Australasia is largely composed of former or present members of the Unity. This is an entire

mistake. Scarcely any members of the Manchester Unity have joined us. I know of none. The laws of the Unity forbid it. A man cannot belong to both Orders. The men who affiliated with us were the *Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows*, having no connection whatever with the Unity. I was told by two Provincial Grand Masters of the Unity that the laws just mentioned will be repealed this fall, and that they intended to unite with us—not leaving the Unity however. But our ranks must be filled mainly from the outside world. The Unity is, and in my opinion will remain, a competing institution. It is strong in numbers and money; comes from Great Britain, the fatherland of most of the men of Australia and New Zealand, and hence has their sympathies; and is, by virtue of its character as a prudent and merely beneficial society, in harmony with their natural tendencies and their education. But of late years these countries are becoming filled with the thoughts, the aspirations, and the energies of the age; and the younger men are responding and will respond to the loftier principles of American Odd Fellowship. I believe the union of our Order with the Manchester Unity will be effected, if at all, through Australasian Odd Fellows; and if such men as Grand Master LESLIE (M. U.), of Dunedin, and Grand Master STEWART (M. U.), of Ballarat, both of whom are noble specimens of clear heads and big hearts, would will it, a union might be made.

For my own part, as a step toward practical union, I see no objection to a system by which members of either Order could visit Lodges of the other. Give them a card, password, sign, and obligation and the thing is done. Let them thus become familiar with the merits of both institutions and take their choice.

6. Australia and New Zealand are great fields for our Order. They are as free in their political government as we are. The will of the people is as potent there as here. A noble future is in store for them. They will become the home of a highly civilized people or all signs will fail. Climate, soil, products are of the best. Even now they can boast of free schools, public libraries, museums, hospitals, asylums, and numerous churches. Melbourne has a library of over one hundred thousand volumes, a gallery of paintings, and an organ 73 feet wide, 47 feet deep, and 47 feet high. Both countries are entering upon a most prosperous career, and are fit places for Odd Fellowship.

Our present membership in Australia is as follows:

Victoria.....	46	Lodges.....	2,850	members.
Tasmania.....	2	"	150	"
New South Wales.	4	"	328	"
South Australia...	12	"	834	"
Total.....	64	"	4,162	"

In New Zealand, 17 Lodges, and about 1,400 members.

On my last visit in Melbourne at the institution of Abbotsford Lodge, about fifty candidates were initiated, with ten to twenty more ready.

The outline of the work as performed in both countries is correct; remarkably so under the circumstances. Commissioner Bro. MEACHAM evidently gave thorough instruction; and considering the extraordinary difficulties under which he labored, used great tact and judgment in establishing the Order. The brothers there uniformly spoke of him with strong affection.

I cannot conclude without stating that the American Vice Consul General at Melbourne, Bro. SAMUEL P. LORD, an old and respected merchant, was constant in his attentions; placing one of the rooms of the Consulate at my disposal, and facilitating my intercourse with the public authorities.

The Governments of New Zealand, Victoria, and New South Wales are entitled to the thanks of this Grand Lodge for passes over their railroads to your Commissioner and for many public documents and maps. These

courtesies were extended to me both as your representative and as an American citizen.

7. On the way, going and coming, the steamer stops at Honolulu. There I was met by a committee, and received a fraternal greeting worthy of the noblest Odd Fellows. I visited Harmony Lodge at its regular meeting, Monday, August 5th. D. D. G. S. PARKE had notified Excelsior Lodge, and a large number of members of both Lodges were present.

Much could be said about the Order in the Sandwich Islands, and I hope to have a chance to say it when the Grand Lodge is in session, and also to say many things of interest as to Australia and New Zealand which I do not think best to put in this report.

8. I have said nothing as to the Encampment branch of the Order, for the reason that as yet it is weak. There is but one Encampment in New Zealand and but three or four in Australia. To them I gave instructions, and further advised the Grand Lodge of Australasia that the Royal Purple Degree is an essential qualification for membership therein.

JOHN B. HARMON,

Deputy Grand Sire and Special Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand.

"*Exhibit A.*"

ORIGINAL CHARTER OF GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND, 1869.

A. I. O. O. F.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That the Grand Lodge of Victoria, of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the Australian colonies, and by virtue of its constitutional authority to organize Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, doth hereby create and erect into a distinct sovereignty the various Lodges of Odd Fellows heretofore existing in New Zealand, by the name and style of The Grand Lodge of A. I. O. O. F. of New Zealand, with power in all matters relating to Odd Fellowship within the said province, except in the following respects, viz.: That the said Grand Lodge of New Zealand shall not at any time hereafter in any wise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures, or charges, or any part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the annual traveling password to be used within the jurisdiction of the said The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and both jurisdictions shall use the same traveling password.

That the qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said "The Grand Lodge of New Zealand," shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Otherwise, this Dispensation to be of no force or effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at the city of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

By the Grand Master,

[SEAL,] (Signed,) J. B. CREWS, *Grand Master.*

(Signed,) A. J. COHEN, *Grand Secretary.*

"*Exhibit B.*"

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND, MAY 29, 1878.

WHEREAS, Questions have arisen as to the powers of the Grand Lodge of Aus-

tralia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and as to the powers of this Grand Lodge; and as to the relations of each and both to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and

WHEREAS, JOHN B. HARMON, Deputy Grand Sire of said Grand Lodge of the United States, is now present in this Grand Lodge as Special Commissioner, with power to adjust such questions, and, for the purpose of such adjustment, has proposed and now proposes, that this Grand Lodge, together with the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, and said Grand Lodge of Australia, together with the Subordinate Lodges and the Grand and Subordinate Encampments under its jurisdiction, be created and erected into a distinct sovereignty in Odd Fellowship, under the name of "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Australasia," with jurisdiction over the continent and countries known as Australasia, under a Charter from said Grand Lodge of the United States, which proposed Charter, dated the fourth day of March, A. D. 1878, and signed by JOHN W. STOKES, Grand Sire, and JAS. L. RIDGELY, Gr. Cor. and Rec. Secretary, and under the seal of said Grand Lodge of the United States, is now exhibited to and examined by this Grand Lodge:

Now, therefore, *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby consents to the formation of said "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Australasia," in accordance with said proposition and under said Charter.

Resolved, That said JOHN B. HARMON be and he is hereby appointed to represent this Grand Lodge, in the city of Melbourne, or elsewhere in Australia, in a conference with said Grand Lodge of Australia, for the formation of said Grand Lodge of Australasia, with full power in the premises, including the power to surrender to said last-named Grand Lodge when formed, or to said Special Commissioner, or to such other Grand Body as he deems best, the present Charter of this Grand Lodge, dated February 19, 1869, and granted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., when said Grand Lodge of Australasia has granted to this Grand Lodge a Charter under the name of "The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," with the powers in all matters relating to Odd Fellowship in New Zealand usually granted in Charters from said Grand Lodge of the United States to its several State Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That when said Grand Lodge of Australasia has granted said Charter to this Grand Lodge it shall take effect immediately; and the Constitution, laws, rules, and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and the officers and members thereof, shall at once be the Constitution, laws, rules, regulations, officers, and members of said "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of New Zealand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," under said new Charter and all Subordinate Lodges in New Zealand now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall at once be under the said jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of New Zealand under said Charter.

"*Exhibit C.*"

I. O. O. F.

MELBOURNE, 9th July, 1878.

To JOHN B. HARMON, Esq ,
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, G. L. of U. S.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We cannot suffer you to depart from our shores without a formal expression of those feelings which we believe you must often have read in our hearts during the past few weeks. Never will the memory of your affectionate and eloquent words be obliterated from our minds. Your presence amongst us has wrought a work that will produce fruit a hundredfold, not merely in the present generation of Odd Fellows, but in that brilliant future which, we trust, is destined to be achieved by means of that organization which has been effected in so admirable a manner through your instrumentality. May Heaven's protecting hand guide and guard you to the home of your love! Tell your fellow-workers in the great cause how much

we thank them for having sent us so able an ambassador; and tell your dear wife and children that you found a host of men in Australia whose hearts have throbbed with love because they were privileged to hail you as a brother.

Farewell!

On Behalf of the Brotherhood in Australia.

W. STIRLING, *Grand Sire of Grand Lodge of Australasia.*
W. GANE, *Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Australia.*

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Chair submitted the following telegram:

NEW ORLEANS, September 16, 1878.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand C. and R. Sec'y, G. L. of U. S., I. O. O. F., Baltimore:

As Grand Representatives of Louisiana, we cannot conscientiously take our seats at this session of the G. L. of U. S., and ask that we be granted leave of absence. Our services are needed at home by the afflicted brethren and their families, and to remain at the post of danger we will fully illustrate the cardinal principles of our Order, and save our title as Odd Fellows. May God bless you with health and power to perform the good work before you. Send daily proceedings.

Fraternally,

J. E. RENGSTORFF,
S. T. GRISAMORE,
LUTHER HOMES,
G. Representatives.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the request be granted, and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be charged with the expression of the sentiments of appreciative esteem and love entertained for the Grand Representatives from Louisiana, and for the noble stand they have taken in the hour of peril, and which entitles them to the warmest commendations of this Grand Lodge and of the entire fraternity.

The Chair submitted the following:

The Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States residing in Baltimore and the Representatives and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Maryland, respectfully invite the Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Past Grand Representatives visiting at this session, and the ladies accompanying them, to join in an excursion to Annapolis, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The steamer "B. S. Ford" will leave Pier No. 7, Light Street Wharf, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Tickets will be furnished by the Grand Representatives of Maryland.

It is respectfully suggested that the Grand Lodge adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday, to afford the officers and members an opportunity to dine before leaving the city.

On behalf of the Grand Representatives and Grand Officers aforesaid.

JOHN E. McCAHAN,
Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Lodge.

The Chair submitted the following:

KERNAN'S CENTRAL SUMMER GARDEN,
Baltimore, Sept. 14, 1878.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F.:

GENTLEMEN,—You are cordially invited to attend a performance at this theatre on any evening that may suit your convenience. If advised what evening it will be agreeable to attend, seats will be reserved for the officers and members. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you, gentlemen, at my theatre,

I remain, most respectfully,
A. KERNAN.

On motion of Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Lodge.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, stated that he had voted for the resolution under a misapprehension, and moved to reconsider the vote by which the invitation was accepted, which was agreed to. The question being on the adoption of the resolution accepting the invitation, on motion of Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, the subject was laid on the table.

The Chair announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; McLEAN, of District of Columbia; BARBER, of Mississippi; CRANE, of New Jersey; WALTON, of Oregon; LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin; GALE, of Vermont; CHARLTON, of Kansas.

Judiciary Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; PERRY, of Ontario; HERRING, of Texas; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; BEATTY, of California; COURTNEY, of Virginia; VAN NORT, of New York; HAZLETT, of Ohio; MORGAN, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; STEBBINS, of New York; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; PERKINS, of Massachusetts; DOUGLASS, of Maine; BRADLEY, of Colorado; DANN, of California.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; HOMES, of Louisiana; GIBSON, of Ontario; HASKINS, of New York; STAFFORD, of Texas; BLANKS, of Virginia; McCAHAN, of Maryland; MILLER, of Rhode Island; SWEENEY, of Illinois.

Appeal Committee, No. 1.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; BOYD, of California; BIGELOW, of Vermont; PRICE, of Kansas; OBERLY, of Illinois; CRAIG, of New Hampshire; SPENCER, of Delaware; MILLER, of Dakota; LEE, of Connecticut.

Appeal Committee, No. 2.—Reps. THOMPSON, of Missouri; WOODYATT, of Ontario; BAGLEY, of North Carolina; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island; TAYLOR, of Massachusetts; BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado; DAVIS, of Arkansas; WALKER, of Iowa.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; ELDRIDGE, of Indiana; SHEIRE, of Minnesota; BOYLES, of Tennessee; COHEN, of Arkansas; DUER, of Montana; PIERSON, of Delaware.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. BELL, of Ohio; GRISAMORE, of Louisiana; TRACY, of Michigan; BRERETON, of Delaware; WOODRUFF, of Georgia; HOFFMAN, of Indiana; ROBBINS, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. GLENN, of Georgia; ROBINSON, of Virginia; ELDER, of Colorado; WELCH, of Arkansas; GUNDAKER, of Iowa; HOGAN, of Maine; GRAHAM, of Lower Provinces.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. WILLISTON, of Minnesota; PEARCE, of Florida; ROBBE, of Georgia; MILLER, of New Jersey; ANDREW, of Connecticut; HEARN, of Alabama; NEWMAN, of Iowa.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. MCKINNEY, of Texas; FORD, of Nebraska; WEAKLEY, of Tennessee; PECK, of West Virginia; HOCKIN, of Lower Provinces; MOORE, of Kentucky; MARSHALL, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. TICKNOR, of Illinois; HOTCHKISS, of Wisconsin; HAMMA, of Wyoming; SHEARER, of Michigan; BARRETT, of Missouri.

Committee on Printing Supplies.—Reps. JONES, of Maryland; RAWLINGS, of Maryland (*vice* STUART, deceased); NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania; RIDGELY, Grand Secretary, of Maryland; VANSANT, Grand Treasurer, of Maryland.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. RAWLINGS, of Maryland; DYE, of Minnesota; JONES, of Wisconsin; HAVENS, of Kansas; SHIPLEY, of Missouri; WAGNER, of Mississippi; HOUSEL, of Nebraska.

Committee on Miscellaneous Business.—Reps. BARROWS, of Mississippi; SPORMAN, of Alabama; RENGSTORFF, of Louisiana; DAVIS, of Maine; MINTURN, of Missouri; LUCAS, of Nevada.

Committee on Foreign Relations.—Reps. NEWELL, of New Jersey; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; DRIGGS, of Connecticut; MILLER, of Rhode Island; MEACHAM, of Nevada; MILLER, of New Hampshire; HARWELL, of Tennessee.

Committee on History of Odd Fellowship.—Reps. INGERSOLL, of Michigan; ANDERSON, of Rhode Island; JONES, of Ohio; HENDERSON, of Illinois: JONES, of North Carolina; VINTON, of Vermont; ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin.

Committee on Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; SPATES, of West Virginia; HILDRETH, of New Hampshire; KENNEDY, of Ohio; FORD, of Ontario; MILLER, of West Virginia; MULCAHY, of Nevada.

The Historiographer submitted his report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., has the inexpressible pleasure in contemplation of the close of his labors, and the publication of the History of American Odd Fellowship, to make his final report.

The work committed by law to his charge is styled "The History of American Odd Fellowship," and is contained in one volume, octavo, 524 pages, printed on new small pica type, with four steel and fifty-two wood engravings, embracing the portraits of the fathers of the Order and their eminent contemporaries. The book has been produced by JOHN RYAN & Co., electrotypers, Baltimore, under special contract, in superior style, its mechanical execution being unsurpassed.

The paper, binding, type, general material, and manner of execution compare favorably with the standard works produced in this country. Among the first-class wood engravings with which the work is embellished there are a number of primitive buildings presented, which represent in contrast with the Odd Fellows' halls of the present day, the original sites of Lodges occupied as early as 1819 and 1820 by the Order in the principal cities of the United States, and which show the difference between Odd Fellowship then and now.

No pains or reasonable outlay have been spared in the mechanical appearance of the work, to provide an attractive book in every way of the American Order of Odd Fellows, whether its intellectual, social, and benevolent character, or its excellence as a moral force, be regarded. The volume presents Odd Fellowship in the latter aspect to the world as an effective auxiliary to the body politic at once earnest and imposing.

No apology is offered for the delay of the publication. The importance of the subject presented; the diversity of the characters which form the *dramatis personæ;* the field occupied; the ramifications embraced—all demanded diligent research, careful examination, and discrimination. These results could only be reached in time and as the reward of patient labor. The toil, in our judgment, has been commensurate with the liberal provision made for the enterprise, and has produced a book of which the Order and its friends need not be ashamed. To my distinguished friend and brother, the Hon. HENRY F. GAREY, the editor of the work, I have already made appropriate acknowledgment in the preface of the book. I now again render to that worthy brother, honor and thanks for the completion of an enterprise which has been colossal in its character. It is full of his graphic power and literary taste from the beginning to the end. He has shared with me nobly in all its labors, and partakes with me justly in its honors and advantages. I have also to thank the Grand Lodge for its forbearing patience and generous confidence which has nobly sustained the Historiographer from the conception of his labors to their conclusion. Thanks are also eminently due, and are hereby rendered, to Bro. THEO. A. ROSS, Assistant Grand Secretary, for his invaluable service connected with the getting out of the work, having had charge of the proof-reading during the progress of the printing.

A statement of the expense incurred in the publication is herewith submitted, from which it will appear in what manner the Historiographer has disbursed the sum of money ($3,000) appropriated to him by the Grand Lodge.

I have omitted to make special acknowledgment in this report to Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, and to the Board of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for contributions to this work of manuscripts of historic annals respecting the rise and progress of Odd Fellowship in the States of Pennsylvania and of Massachusetts, and to Bro. W. W. MOORE, P. Grand Sire, and Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Jr., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New Jersey, for like contributions touching Odd Fellowship in the District of Columbia and in the State of New Jersey, but these and all other papers of historic value which have been used in the book have been fully recognized in the preface.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Historiographer.*

BALTIMORE, Sept. 16, 1878.

Expense incurred in producing "The History of American Odd Fellowship:"

J. W. Stokes, for manuscript of History of the Order in Pennsylvania,	$500 00
Composition, plates, engravings, paper, and binding, 1,000 copies,	2,996 77
Total	$3,496 77
Received from Grand Lodge	3,000 00
	$496 77

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

Appeal of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Appeal of FREDERIC M. LAUGHTON, P. G. R. from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Appeal of W. K. NEAL, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Appeal of H. D. CARMOHN, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of S. J. PESOA, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of Norway Lodge, No. 16, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Appeal of ELIAS GOODMAN, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 1.

Appeal of J. K. PHILLIPS, P. G , from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.

Appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Appeal of WILLIAM C. EARL, P. G. R., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Appeal of EMANUEL AMICK, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Appeal of WILLIAM J. POINTS, P. D. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Appeal of J. F. MILLER, P. G. R., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.

Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas.

Amended By-Laws of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 8, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Constitution and By-Laws of Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, Snohomish, Washington Territory.

Constitution and By-Laws of Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Colfax, Washington Territory.

Amended Constitution of Centennial Encampment, No. 3, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Constitution and By-Laws of Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, South America.

Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Petition of Unity Encampment, No. 2, Seattle, Washington Territory, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

Which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Proposed Act of Incorporation of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following petitions for Charters:

Unity Lodge, No. 8, at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada.
Ranier Lodge, No. 11, at New Tacoma, Washington Territory.
Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, at Snohomish, Washington Territory.
Friendship Lodge, No. 13, at Port Gamble, Washington Territory.
Colfax Lodge, No. 14, at Colfax, Washington Territory.
Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, at Erin Springs, Indian Territory.
Denmark Lodge, No. 1, at Copenhagen, Kingdom of Denmark, Europe.
Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, to be located at Olympia.
Grand Lodge of Province of Quebec, to be located at Montreal.

And the return of institution of

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, instituted January 17, 1878, at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Europe.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully reports that he has received and disbursed the following contributions for the relief of the sufferers by yellow fever in the South:

Received from	Union Lodge, No. 1, Denver, Colorado	$ 50 00
"	Denver Lodge, No. 4, Denver, Colorado	50 00
"	Germania Lodge, No. 14, Denver, Colorado	25 00
"	Odd Fellows' Association, Silver Reef, Utah Territory,	150 00
"	Subordinate Lodges in Utah.	150 00
"	Lodges and Encampments, Virginia, Nevada	250 00
		$675 00
Transmitted to	John H. McKenzie, G. Master, Summit, Miss	$325 00
"	L. Graham, G. Master, New Orleans, La.	100 00
"	Marcus Jones, President of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, Memphis, Tenn.	250 00
		$675 00

The several sums of money were forwarded in currency by the Adams Express Company free of charge. The correspondence and receipts are herewith submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented a book of seals, with the following:

R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont. Office of Grand Secretary,
Bennington, September 6, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Herewith please find a collection of seals for the library of the G. L. of U. S. It comprises in the first part a complete set of

impressions of the seals, both *ancient* and those now in use, of the Lodges in the jurisdiction of Vermont, and but one other set (that filed according to law in the archives of this Grand Body) is in existence. I have followed it with the seals of some of the States that have come into my possession, and submit the collection as a curiosity.

In F., L., and T.,
H. L. STILLSON, *G. Secretary.*

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary also presented an electrotype, designed to head the obituary page in the Revised Journal, the gift of Bro. JOHN W. ORR, P. G. Representative of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, the gifts were received, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. BOYD, of California, presented handsomely bound copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, at the sessions held at San Francisco, May, 1878, containing obituary notices, resolutions, and eulogies upon our late friend and brother, NATHAN PORTER, Grand Representative of California, which were received, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. BOYD, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, presented the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
San Francisco, September 2, 1878.

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of California, held at San Francisco, May 14, 1878, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to submit the following statement of facts and questions to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for its consideration and decision:

FACTS.

An officer of a Subordinate Lodge fraudulently embezzled a large amount of its funds, and made false entries in its books of accounts. Charges were duly preferred against him in his Lodge for the offence, a Trial Committee regularly appointed, and he was legally summoned to answer. He wilfully and purposely refused to stand trial, and the committee resolved to report him guilty of contempt to the Lodge, and to submit their report to the Lodge at its next meeting. On the day that the Lodge held its next meeting, but before the Lodge met, the brother suddenly died of some disease of the heart. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges reads: Art. VII., Sec. 5. "If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial when duly summoned, the committee shall report him guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion."

The brother left a widow, and the brother at the time of his death was

clear of the books, and the By-Laws provide that the widow of a brother who was in good standing at the time of his death shall receive certain monthly benefits; and the By-Laws also provide for funeral benefits in case of the death of a brother in good standing.

QUESTIONS.

1. In such cases has a Lodge the right to refuse to bury the deceased with funeral honors?
2. Is it the duty of the Lodge to pay the funeral benefits?
3. Is it the duty of the Lodge to pay the monthly benefits to the widow?

W. B. LYON, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. BOYD, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, presented the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
San Francisco, September 2, 1878.

Resolved, That the subject-matter of the communication from the Grand Lodge of Missouri be referred to our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with instructions to present the same and urge the adoption of a uniform law upon the subject.

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI, OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
St. Louis, June 10, 1877.

W. B. LYON, Esq.,
Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Lodge of California:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I inclose preamble and resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge of Missouri at its last session (see page 557, Journal of 1877), a copy of which I am instructed to transmit to each Grand Lodge, as follows:

WHEREAS, It has become the practice of many Lodges, in aiding brethren not entitled to benefits, and the widows of deceased brethren who desire to return to their former homes or to reach friends and relatives, to furnish them with the means only sufficient to take them to the next principal point on their journey, where, among strangers, they are compelled to ask additional aid to reach another principal point on their route, and so on to their destination; and

WHEREAS, The Lodges of the city of St. Louis, through their General Relief Committee, are almost daily called upon to assist such cases and provide for their sustenance and transportation to their places of destination, which they are under no obligation to do; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges in the Order be requested to call the attention of their Lodges to this practice, and prohibit them by law from sending their own members, or the widows of their deceased members, to other towns or cities to ask aid of the Order to enable them to pursue their journey.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to present this subject to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that it be requested to adopt a uniform law upon the subject.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be transmitted to each Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Be kind enough to submit the same to your Grand Lodge at its next session, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,
E. M. SLOAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. BEATTY, of California, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of California, held at San Francisco, May 14, 1878, the following memorial from California Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, was received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of California:

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the interests of the Degree of Rebekah, do most respectfully submit the following, and ask that it may meet a favorable reception at the hands of your honorable body:

WHEREAS, We have experienced great benefit from the recent legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which has abolished the inequalities of membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges heretofore existing; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the work of the Rebekah Degree may be still further improved by a complete and thorough revision of the ritual of said degree, and believing said proceedings and revision will be of incalculable advantage, we desire to manifest our acknowledgments to those who have so earnestly aided in this cause in the past, and especially to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

We would, therefore, respectfully ask that such measures be taken by the Grand Lodge of California that the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States may be instructed still further to advance the value and interest of the Rebekah Degree, by endeavoring to secure favorable legislation on the following points:

First.—In securing a complete revision of the Ritual of the Degree of Rebekah, so that the same may be appropriately rendered in a Rebekah Degree Lodge.

Second.—In securing a fitting ceremony to be used at the funeral of a sister of the Lodge.

Third.—In securing a suitable regalia for officers and members of Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Fourth.—In securing an appropriate jewel for the Past Noble Grand of a Rebekah Degree Lodge.

Not deeming it essential to argue these questions in this memorial, from the fact that we believe their value will suggest itself to all; and praying your honorable body to adopt such measures as in your judgment will best accomplish the results desired,

We have the honor to remain, fraternally yours,

Mrs. M. E. PENDLETON,
Mrs. E. M. COOK,
Mrs. A. WARSHAWSKI,
Mrs. C. V. DRURY,
Committee.

The foregoing memorial having been duly reported to California Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, by a committee duly appointed for that purpose, was, on April 6, 1878, unanimously adopted; the same to be sent to other Rebekah Degree Lodges for consideration and action, and thereupon to be transmitted through the R. W. Grand Secretary to the R. W. Grand Lodge of California.

Witness our hands and the seal of said Lodge, April 11, 1878.

L. M. MELENDY *N. G.*
[SEAL.] E. M. COOK, *V. G.*
A. WARSHAWSKI, *Rec. Sec.*

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
East Oakland, April 29, 1878.

The foregoing memorial having been read in Brooklyn Rebekah Degree

Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., at a regular meeting thereof on the above date, it was, on motion, resolved that the same be approved by said Lodge, and signed and attested under seal thereof

Witness the seal of our Lodge, this 29th day of April, 1878.

DANA E. CHASE, *N. G.*
[SEAL.] LOUISA M. WATSON, *V. G.*
LOUISE HOLMES, *R. S.*

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of California:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the memorial of California Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, indorsed and approved by Brooklyn Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 12, and by Oakland Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 16, respectfully submit the following:

We deem the subjects mentioned in said memorial of much interest and importance to the Rebekah Degree Lodges of this jurisdiction, and we recommend that the memorial be referred to our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with directions to bring the same before that body, and urge such legislation as in their judgment the interest of Rebekah Degree Lodges may require.

W. B. LYON, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. MILLER, of Dakota, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA,
Vermillion, D. T., September 5, 1878.

EZRA W. MILLER, *P. G. M.,*
R. W. Grand Representative to Grand Lodge United States:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will find on page 172, Journal, 1877, the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be instructed to ask the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for a reply to the following questions.

1st. Has a fifth degree member, who may be also a member of an Encampment, the right to visit a Subordinate Lodge in the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

2d. Is it the duty of such member to wear the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

3d. Should the highest title they may have attained in the Order be stated in the Visiting or Withdrawal Card of brothers of the Order?

Yours fraternally,
RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business:

WHEREAS, M. Posz, P. G., has, at considerable labor and expense, produced a Book of Records for Subordinate Lodges, which it is believed will very much simplify and correct the manner of keeping their records; therefore

Resolved, That the book be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, with instructions that they examine the work and report upon its merits during this session.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY, R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND,
Baltimore, September 16, 1878.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—At a regular meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F., the following among other proceedings were had, to wit:

WHEREAS, At the late annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore in September last, the following resolution having the force of law was adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term password, or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty;" and

WHEREAS, Said resolution deprives many worthy members of our Order of rights and privileges always heretofore possessed by all so long as they remained members of the Order, viz.: the right to vote in their own Lodge and to visit other Lodges; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland respectfully petitions the Grand Lodge of the United States to repeal so much of said resolution as deprives members of the term password, or of the right to vote in their Lodges.

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives present this petition at the next communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in case the petition be not granted, then they be authorized to ask that the jurisdiction of Maryland be exempted from the provisions of said law.

JOHN M. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

Resolved, That the first resolution of the Legislative Committee, to be found on page 7462, Journal of 1877, be amended by striking out all after the word "weeks" in the second line to the word "is" in the third line, so that the resolution will read as follows:

Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
New York, September 12, 1878.

To JOHN W. STEBBINS, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Rep. to the Grand Lodge of U. S.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—You are hereby informed that the following resolution was adopted at the session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held August, 1878:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to propose for adoption by that Worthy Grand Body a suitable Burial Service for a Sister of Rebekah.

C. V. CLARK, *G. Secretary.*

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be requested to prepare and submit at this session an appropriate Burial Service on the death of a Daughter of Rebekah.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made that the charge books in the French language have not been revised to conform to the present working standard of the Order; therefore

Resolved, That the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and from Loge du Progrès, No. 495, be referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies; and that said committee be instructed to have the charge books in the French language revised and corrected to conform to the present work of the Order, to the end that uniformity in the work may be fully attained.

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, SAMUEL F. GWINNER.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Philadelphia, August 21, 1878.

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD and SAM'L F. GWINNER, Esqs.,
Grand Representatives:

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a communication was received from Loge du Progrès, No. 495, calling attention to the necessity of having the revised charge book properly translated into the French language and printed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the matter was referred to you, and you were requested to present the subject to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to urge action in accordance with the request of No. 495.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
Grand Secretary.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylania:

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—At a stated meeting of the Loge du Progrès, No. 495, I. O. O. F., held this second day of May, 1878, the following application for a revision or retranslation of the various charges and directions under which we as Odd Fellows speak and work in the French language, was unanimously adopted, and our Representative in the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania directed to present the same to that body, and urge such action on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as will secure a consideration of the subject by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The grievances of which we complain, or, rather, the disadvantages under

which we labor, are, that the French Lodges are unable to act in perfect conformity with their sister Lodges working in the English and German languages. The printed books of charges, obligations, and rules under which we initiate and instruct our members, were issued previous to our organization as a Lodge in 1853. Since that time radical changes have been made in many particulars, well known to every active member of our Order, and unnecessary to recite; consequently our officers, even when most intelligent and zealous, are liable to err, or to neglect something in their instructions to initiates, and in the obligation they are required to assume; and consequently, uniformity in working, and universality in obligation, upon which depend the ultimate accomplishment of the great mission of Odd Fellowship, a "universal fraternity in the family of man," are impossible.

To call the attention of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the subject, and through that body to have it made a matter of consideration by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, is the present purpose of Loge du Progrès, No. 495, in hope that a consideration of the subject by those Grand Bodies will result in a revised and perfect charge book in the French language; therefore

Resolved, By the Loge du Progrès, No. 495, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania, that our Representative in the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be directed to bring this subject before that body and urge action thereon.

Respectfully,

[SEAL.]

B. AVTIGUE, *N. G. p. t.*
N. BUCHY, *Sec'y.*

Rep. HARWELL, of Tennessee, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

OFFICE OF R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., STATE OF TEXAS,
Galveston, September 2, 1878.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the United States:

This certifies that at the regular annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Texas, held at the city of Galveston, February, 1877, the following resolution was submitted, which was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Texas, be permanently located at the city of Austin.

This further certifies that at the regular annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Texas, held at the city of Austin, February, 1878:

On motion, the resolution offered by WM. DUNN, Past Grand, at the last communication (as per printed proceedings, p. 1112), as follows, was read:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Texas, be permanently located at the city of Austin.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Witness my hand and seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Texas.

GEORGE W. GROVER, *Grand Secretary.*

Printed Proceedings, 1877, p. 1112; 1878, p. 1321.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, 1878.

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to recommend a change in the Uniform Constitution of the Rebekah Degree Lodges, so as to make Section 4 of Article XI. read as follows:

SECTION 4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum (not specifying the sex).

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, submitted the following:

I. O. O. F.
TISHOMINGO LODGE, No. 2,
Tishomingo, I. T., September 9, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

This certifies that Bro. J. M. HARLEY, P. G., was elected on the 7th inst., by the qualified members of this Lodge a delegate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and was instructed to proceed to Baltimore, and lay before the Grand Lodge, at its next sitting, all questions involving the interest of the Order in the Indian Territory.

JOHN RENNIE, *N. G.*
G. D. JAMES, *Secretary.*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a member of Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, most respectfully petitions your R. W. Grand Body to grant the privilege to your petitioner, a Past Grand of Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, the privilege to have the Encampment degrees conferred upon him, as there is no Encampment in the Indian Territory, and our Lodges are under the jurisdiction of your R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully yours,
J. M. HARLEY.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to grant a certificate to Brother J. M. HARLEY, directed to any Subordinate Encampment in the United States, authorizing such Encampment to confer upon the said brother the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple Degrees.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, presented a memorial from the Lodges in the Indian Territory (printed on pages 7316, 7317, and 7318, Journal of 1877), and moved that it be referred to a special committee of five, which was agreed to.

The Chair announced the committee as follows:

Reps. MCKINNEY, of Texas; STEBBINS, of New York; GAREY, of Maryland; PERRY, of Ontario, and Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire.

Bro. NICHOLSON, on his request, was excused from serving on the committee, and the Grand Sire appointed Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, to fill the vacancy.

Rep. PECK, of West Virginia, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ask that Section 177, Digest, relating to the payment of benefits to insane persons, be stricken out, and the following inserted in its stead:

"Should any member of a Subordinate Lodge become insane, to a degree necessitating his being taken in charge by the State authorities, that he be paid no weekly or sick benefits while taken care of by the State; but if he have a wife or children, they shall receive the same sum as if paid for funeral benefits; and they shall receive the same care and attention as those of deceased members. Should he have no wife or children, the expense, if any, incurred in obtaining the brother's admission to the asylum, shall be paid."

THOMAS G. STEELE,
Grand Secretary.

Rep. PECK, of West Virginia, presented the appeal of GEORGE EDWARDS from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Reps. HOTCHKISS and ELLIOTT, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE,
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF WISCONSIN,
Madison, August 26, 1878.

EXTRACT.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin is of the opinion that the best interests of the Order would be promoted by the establishment of an additional degree for Uniformed Patriarchs.

Resolved further, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be and they are hereby instructed to advocate and support such legislation in the Grand Lodge of the United States as will, in their judgment, effect this object.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the R. W. Grand Encampment at its last annual session, held in the city of Milwaukee, December 5, 1877.

L. B. HILLS, *Grand Scribe.*

The undersigned Representatives from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in accordance with the foregoing action of their Grand Body, offer the following:

Resolved, That there be added to the Encampment Branch of this Order a fourth degree, to be called ——— Degree, to which none but R. P. Degree members shall be eligible, and in which the uniform prescribed by this Grand Lodge shall be the regalia to be worn, and to which no member can be admitted without uniform.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a proper ritual for such a degree.

R. H. HOTCHKISS,
T. B. ELLIOTT,
Grand Representatives.

Reps. JONES and LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That all the business of the Subordinate Lodges shall be transacted in the Scarlet Degree.

Regarding which the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin gave its Representatives the following instruction, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be hereby instructed to use their best endeavors for the passage of a law, that all business of the Subordinate Lodges shall be transacted in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which (the rule being suspended) was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed to distribute the various matters contained in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, beg leave to recommend :

That so much as relates to the suspension of members for non-payment of dues be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to returns be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as refers to Warrants, Washington Territory, and Quebec, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That the decision of the Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to finance be submitted to the committee on that subject.

That so much as relates to the mission to Australia, to the Sandwich Islands, England, and foreign countries, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to the anniversary of the Order, relief for yellow fever sufferers, and life insurance, be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

That so much as relates to the history of Odd Fellowship, be referred to the committee on that subject.

That so much as relates to the death of Grand Representative PORTER and Past Grand Sire STUART, be referred to special committees.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ISAAC M. VEITCH, C. M. BUSBEE,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing Supplies, appointed under the amended By-Law adopted at the last session (Journal, p. 7499), respectfully report, that they organized on Saturday, September 22, 1877, immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, electing John M. Jones, of Maryland, Chairman, and Theodore A. Ross, Secretary. Four meetings have been held, the change of the place of meeting from Austin to Baltimore, requiring an extra session to award the contract for the Daily Journal.

Bro. F. D. STUART, a member of this committee, died on the 25th day of January, 1878, and the Grand Sire appointed Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, to fill the vacancy.

The Revised Journal of 1877 was completed early in December in accor-

dance with the contract, and distributed as required by the amended By-Law. The book contains 448 pages, 84 less than the Journal of 1876, and 64 less than the Journal of 1875.

An edition of 15,000 copies was printed, the total expense for the same being $3,804.97, about 25⅓ cents per copy. If 19,000 copies, the number ordered in 1876, had been printed, the total cost would have amounted to $4,640.00, about 24½ cents per copy.

An edition of 250 copies each of volumes 5 and 6 of the Journal, as ordered at the last session, was contracted for on favorable terms, and the books were promptly delivered to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following supplies have been furnished by this committee, viz.: 256 Encampment Charge Books, English; 1,030 Lodge Charge Books, English; 518 Degree Charge Books, English; 258 Rebekah Degree Books, English; 1,059 Book of Odes, with Music; 18,900 Lodge Odes, English; 1,000 Lodge Odes, French; 50,000 Cards; 1,000 Rebekah Cards; 2,000 Diplomas (new plate); 1,758 Book of Forms; 500 Bound Journals; 557 Digests.

The new Diploma plate was delivered in April, 1878, according to the agreement with Bro. W. H. Dougal, the engraver, and impressions were at once procured and delivered to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The entire cost of the Diploma plate, Supplies as enumerated, Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals of 1877, amounted to $10.323.40.

The Diploma plate, the new Book of Forms, and the composition and plates of the Music Book have added considerably to the amount, that, without such payments, would have been expended under the direction of this committee.

The contract for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal of the present session was awarded to John Medole & Son, New York; the Daily Journal to James Young, Baltimore; the paper to Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, Baltimore.

The following subjects were specially referred to this committee at the last session, viz.:

1. The report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary (page 7262), concerning a new Digest. Journal, p. 7331.

2. The translation of the odes into the French language. Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358.

3. Printing of the present odes with music. Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358.

4. Publication of a second series of odes with music. Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358.

5. To propose some method by which the expenses connected with the Journal and official reports of the sessions of this body shall be reduced. Journal, p. 7412 (see 7414).

The subject of a new Digest enlisted the attention of the committee, and was referred to a sub-committee, who, after careful consideration, presented the following:

"The undersigned, to whom was referred the subject of a new 'Digest,' respectfully report, that our present Digest was issued in the year 1870, and in consequence of the accumulation of a mass of legislation anterior to that period, and since, by supplemental continuous publications, has, by reason of the fact that much repealed and modified law now incumber the work, ceased to be a reliable exponent of the existing law, as it should be, or a convenient and ready authority of the jurisprudence of the Order.

"Besides the further fact that a Supplemental Digest from 1871 to 1874 has been issued in a separate volume, rendering examinations still more inconvenient,

"The legislation of 1875, 1876, and 1877, remains to be digested, and therefore it would be infinitely wiser to include the whole existing law in a compact volume, embracing satisfactorily the entire subject, properly electrotyped.

"The committee therefore recommends that the facts be presented to the Grand Lodge, and authority be obtained to publish a new Digest, embracing only existing law, with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order as amended."

A translation of the Subordinate Lodge Odes into the French language was procured as early as possible, and after approval by parties competent to pass upon the merits of the work, a small edition was printed. It is believed the rendition will prove satisfactory.

The subject of printing the present odes with music was placed in the hands of a sub-committee, of which Bro. F. D. STUART, P. G. Sire, was chairman. The sudden and lamented death of this distinguished brother delayed the preparation of the book, but the work was finally accomplished by the publication of a volume of forty-eight pages, containing a number of tunes for each ode, viz.: for the Opening, nine; Initiation, six; Closing, six; Installation, three; Encampment, four; Rebekah, eight; Anniversary, three; Funeral, three. The committee received the cordial assistance of several distinguished brothers of Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., and other places, which greatly lightened their labors in the difficult task of preparing a suitable book of the character required. The pages have been electrotyped, and the entire mechanical portion of the work was executed in good style. The price of the book, as designated by the committee, is fifty cents per copy to Grand Bodies, and sixty cents to Subordinates. As no contributions for a second series of odes have been received by us, we have done nothing in relation to this special subject.

The matter of reducing the expenses connected with the Journal and official reports of the session had been considered by the committee before the passage of the resolution at the last session, resulting in the introduction of an amendment to By-Laws, Article XVIII., which was adopted; and also by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in the preparation of his annual report, which was reduced from 158 pages in 1876 to 112 pages in 1877.

The Journal proper of 1877, and the report of the M. W. Grand Sire exceeded by forty-five pages those of 1876, but the reduction of forty-six pages in the report of the Grand Secretary, sixty-seven in the Appendix and fourteen in the Index to the Journal, besides setting the names of members of committees in double columns, made an aggregate reduction of eighty-two pages. This saving of composition, paper, press-work, etc., with the reduction in number of copies to Grand Bodies, resulted in a decrease of $2,732.35, in the expense incurred in the Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journal of 1877, as compared with 1876, as stated by the Grand Secretary in his report to the present session.

Some money may be saved by reducing the number of copies of Official Reports and Daily Journal to the members of the Grand Lodge, and it has been ascertained that if ten copies instead of fifteen are distributed to each officer and member, the reduction in expense (based on the Reports and Journals of 1877), of paper, press-work, folding and wrapping, will amount to $142.60, and the postage stamps on the same, $120.86. Total, $263.46. The postage stamps alone on the Reports and Journal of 1877 amounted to $254 20.

Your committee are satisfied that little, if any, unnecessary matter is printed in the Officers' Reports, and they are unwilling to recommend a curtailment of the information thus annually furnished, believing that the important subjects referred to are treated as briefly as is consistent with the object in view; therefore they are unable to recommend any course to further reduce "the expenses connected with the Journal and Official Reports of the sessions of this body."

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. M. JONES, *Ch.*, C. H. RAWLINGS, JAS. L. RIDGELY,
JOSHUA VANSANT, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, THEO. A. ROSS, *Sec.*

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, presented the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the proper construction of the following section of the Reinstatement Law, as set forth in Section 1687 of the Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz.: "*Resolved*, That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a Dismissal Certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar;" and

WHEREAS, Cases continually occur of individuals who wish to avail themselves of the benign provisions of the Reinstatement Law, without waiting the prescribed five years, and Lodges decline to grant the request, alleging that the Lodge has no option under the above law, therefore the more fully to carry the Reinstatement Law into practical effect, and aid in the restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues; be it

Resolved, That nothing contained in the above shall prevent a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper application, the receipt of one dollar, and by a majority vote of the members present, from granting a Dismissal Certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues before five years have expired.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which (the rule being suspended) was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session beg leave to report, that on a careful examination of the printed Journal, we find the following subjects were referred, as per report of the Committee on Distribution, pages 7330, 7331, viz.:

Maps, charts, &c. (Grand Sire's report, page 7175), referred to Committee on the State of the Order. No report.

Petition of Lodges Nos. 8, 9, 10, Washington Territory (Grand Sire's report, page 7173), referred to Committee on Petitions. No report.

Digest (Grand Secretary's report, page 7262), referred to Committee on Printing Supplies. No report.

We also find the following requiring further consideration:

Page 7315. The petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, referred to the Committee on Finance. No report.

Page 7351. The action of the Grand Lodge of California, in reference to the ritual for the installation of officers of Degree Lodges, referred to the Legislative Committee; the said committee asked that the matter be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to, page 7381, and the said committee made no report on the subject.

Page 7334. The third resolution, submitted by the Committee on Representation and Taxation, referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies. No report.

Page 7424. Questions relating to the Rebekah Degree Lodges, submitted by Rep. ZIMMERER, of Nebraska, referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah. No report.

Page 7463. On the propriety of placing the Encampment Degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries. Consideration of the subject postponed to this session. Page 7505.

Page 7468. The report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of "General Relief Committees," as submitted by Rep. DANN, of California. Consideration postponed to this session. Page 7506.

Special committees to report at this session:

On the establishment of the Order in Europe; P. G. Sire STUART, chairman. Pages 7403, 7477.

On a Funeral Benefit feature for the Encampment branch of the Order; Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, chairman. Page 7424.

To report a form of Funeral Service; Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, chairman. Page 7469.

To report a system of tactics and drill for uniformed Patriarchs; Rep. HOTCHKISS, of Wisconsin, chairman. Page 7470.

On establishing a home for consumptive Odd Fellows; Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, chairman. Page 7478.

To provide for benefits to members holding Withdrawal Cards; Rep. BACKENSTO, of Oregon, chairman. Page 7480.

On costume or regalia for Encampment members; Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, chairman. Pages 7418, 7499.

On placing the entire control of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in the State Grand Lodges; Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, chairman. Page 7504.

On dues and benefits; D. G. Sire HARMON, chairman. Pages 7389, 7475.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Page 7353. Amendment to Article XII.
" 7356. " " " IX., XIII., XIV., XXI.
" 7410. " " " XVII.
" 7426. " " " IX.
" 7455. " " " I., XVI., XVII.
" 7511. " " " I.
" 7511. Additional Article to the Constitution.
" 7411. " " " By-Laws proposed; consideration postponed to this session. Page 7479.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the subject of Maps, Charts, &c., Grand Sire's report, page 7175, be referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The petition of Lodges Nos. 8, 9, 10, Washington Territory, Grand Sire's report, page 7173, be referred to Committee on Petitions.

The subject of Digest, Grand Secretary's report, page 7262, be referred to Committee on Printing Supplies.

The petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, page 7315, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The action of the Grand Lodge of California, in reference to the Ritual for the Installation of Officers of Degree Lodges, page 7351, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The third resolution submitted by the Committee on Representation and Taxation, page 7334, be referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Questions relating to the Rebekah Degree Lodges, page 7424, be referred to Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

The proposition of placing the Encampment Degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries, page 7463, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The report of the Legislative Committee, page 7468, on General Relief Committees, which was postponed until this session, together with the resolutions upon which the report is based, be re-referred to the Legislative Committee.

That the amendments to the Constitution, pages 7353, 7356, 7410, 7426, 7455, 7511, and the additional Article to the By-Laws, be considered as they appear on the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RAWLINGS, JAMES V. JONES, A. B. WAGNER,
LUKE M. HAVENS, WALTER G. DYE, E. R. SHIPLEY,
C. C. HOUSEL.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RHODE ISLAND,
Providence, R. I., March 6, 1878.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—At the regular annual session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, held this day, the following among other proceedings was had, viz.:

JOHN F. DRISCOL, P. C. P., offered the following resolution, which was considered, and, on motion of W. S. JOHNSON, P. G. P., it was referred to the Grand Lodge of the United States for information as to the legal right to adopt such a resolution:

Resolved, That all Past High Priests who are now members of this R. W. Grand Encampment, or who may become members, or entitled to membership in this Grand Encampment, on or before January 1, 1879, be and the same are hereby considered Past Chief Patriarchs, and may assume said title.

A true copy from the records, see page 4905, printed Journal for 1878.

Attest: ALLEN JENCKES,
M. W. Grand Patriarch.

JOHN F. DRISCOL, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. WHITE, of New York, submitted the following from the Grand Encampment of New York, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Is it competent for the Grand Encampment of the State of New York to amend its Constitution and By-Laws so as to elect its Grand Officers by the Representatives present at its Annual Session?

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearing of the report of the special committee on the revision and condensation of the five Subordinate Degrees into three, be made the special order for 12 o'clock, M., this day, and that a secret session be held at that time for that purpose, and for the transaction of any other business proper to be brought before it.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, The Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States recites (see Section 1530a) that the subject-matter was "a decision of the Grand Sire, approved by the committee, but not acted upon by the Grand Lodge;" and

WHEREAS, The transmission of passwords to former members of defunct Lodges is fraught with danger, and carries with it privileges that should not be accorded, the card issued by a Grand Secretary should be good for deposit only; therefore be it

Resolved, That when State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only, by the holder as an Ancient Odd Fellow.

The Chair announced that on account of the illness of Rep. HOTCHKISS, of Wisconsin, he was excused from serving on the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and he appointed Rep. ZIMMERER, of Nebraska, to fill the vacancy.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire announced the special order, the assembling in secret session, when

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved that Past Grand Representatives be permitted to remain during the secret session, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby extends permission to Past Grand J. M. HARLEY, of Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, of the Indian Territory, to address this Grand Body upon the question of the admission of civilized Indians to our Order, as prayed for in the memorial presented this day; and that 11 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday be made the special order for that purpose, during a recess.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following:

WHEREAS, The reports from various jurisdictions to this Grand Lodge show that the Encampment branch of the Order is not enjoying the same degree of prosperity as the Subordinate branch of the Order, and as various reasons are given for the declining interest in this branch of the Order, and various propositions have been made to this Grand Lodge from time to time with a view of providing a remedy or reviving the interest in these sublime degrees; and

WHEREAS, So far no remedy has been provided, and as the condition of this branch of the Order in some jurisdictions is such that some action should be taken by this Grand Lodge at as early a day as practicable, as some of the propositions heretofore presented to this Grand Lodge have created a feeling of uncertainty in the minds of the members in some of the jurisdictions as to the future disposition of the degrees; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of nine be appointed to consider the condition of the Encampment branch of the Order, and to make such recommendations as in their judgment may be necessary to place this branch of the Order in the position it should occupy, and that all propositions in regard to the Encampment branch that may be presented at this session be referred to this committee. And be it further

Resolved, That should this committee be unable to report at the present session, they have authority to meet during the recess of the Grand Lodge at such time and place as the committee may agree upon, and when their report is completed they shall transmit a copy of the same to the R. W. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary; and the Grand Secretary is authorized to have a sufficient number of copies printed and furnished each Grand Jurisdiction, in order that at the next session of the Grand Lodge the members may be prepared to act intelligently on the report.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to consider the propriety of reporting a law in accordance with the spirit of the resolutions offered at the last session (page 7348), by which members may be suspended from benefits, but not from membership, for non-payment of dues, in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. HAZLETT, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At a session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in May, 1878, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their best efforts to have the laws so changed that officers of Subordinate Encampments may be elected for one year instead of six months.

Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, moved the following:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them), be furnished with a complete set of the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Digest, and Book of Forms, free of charge, with the exception of express charges.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance, which was agreed to.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be instructed to properly stamp all documents or proceedings which the members of this Grand Lodge may be authorized to transmit by mail during the present session.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That obituary addresses be made the special order on Tuesday at 12 M.

Rep. DRIGGS, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed on the subject of a free home for consumptive Odd Fellows in Louisiana, be excused from making their report until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampments of the various jurisdictions within whose territorial limits companies of uniformed Patriarchs have been or shall be organized, are hereby empowered to organize Subordinate Encampments and to issue Charters to them as uniformed, mixed, or ununiformed Encampments, and to prescribe suitable Constitutions and laws for their proper government as such.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 17, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. BEATTY, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be and they are instructed to present the petition printed on page 4317 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for 1868, again to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and ask that the proper steps be taken

to have the work of the Order translated into the Italian language, and authority given to work in this language, as *Franco-Italian* Lodge, No. 242, in San José, works at present in the French language, which is very inconvenient.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject-matter of so legislating "as that the standing of a Patriarch who has been suspended in the Subordinate Lodge for non-payment of dues shall not be affected in the Encampment for the space of one year," be referred to the Legislative Committee, in pursuance of the request of the Grand Encampment of California.

Rep. DRIGGS, of Connecticut, presented the following from the Proceedings of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, which was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

Rep. PHILIP POND, from the special committee on the contemplated resignation of Grand Secretary Ridgely, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as relates to the contemplated resignation of Grand Secretary RIDGELY, respectfully submit the following:

The Most Worthy Grand Master having in his address alluded very appropriately to an event foreshadowed by the announcement made by Grand Secretary RIDGELY at the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to the effect that by reason of his continued physical weakness and growing infirmities it may ere long become incumbent on that body to determine upon his successor; and also our R. W. Grand Secretary has in his address very kindly and feelingly spoken on the same subject, his thoughts being crystallized by an intimacy formed by years of official correspondence, as well as warm personal friendship; and believing that these expressions are not only the views of these officers, but also voice the feelings of every Representative present, we therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that Bro. RIDGELY, in view of his long continued and invaluable services to the Order, should be re-elected to the position he now holds, receiving the emoluments thereof, whether in health or sickness, so long as he may live.

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be and are hereby instructed to vote for Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY for R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as their first and only choice. Also to present a copy of this vote to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

PHILIP POND,
STEPHEN TERRY,
T. I. DRIGGS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Under instructions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, I present the following preamble and resolution:

Rep. Baker offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

For the purpose of more fully protecting the interests of Odd Fellows, who, from any cause have failed to unite in reclaiming their Charters after suspension, I beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, There is no provision in the general laws of the Order defining the method by which such members as above referred to may be reinstated in their own Lodge, or admitted as members of sister Lodges, either in their own or other jurisdictions; and

Whereas, It has been decided by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, that Subordinate Grand Lodges of the various State jurisdictions have no authority to provide for dismissal certificates, except in such cases as are authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States; therefore

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested and instructed to bring the subject before the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in order that the same may be more fully defined by appropriate legislation.

Rep. Price, of Kansas, submitted the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to endeavor to procure an amendment to the laws governing the Degree of Rebekah, so that sisters of that degree may be enabled to retain their membership irrespective of the standing of their husbands in the Order.

Rep. Stickney, of Massachusetts, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held August 1st, it was voted that the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to obtain the correct intent of the law passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to "Dues and Benefits," which reads as follows, and is to be found on pages 7461–2 of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also to obtain, if possible, an extension of the time in which brothers shall become disqualified from receiving benefits.

"*Resolved*, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term password, or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and, as such, is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral), that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then, till the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

"*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive in full, or in part, the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues, unless, at the time of his suspension, he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

"*Resolved*, That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the

Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch; and, unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such, the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

"*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions be and is hereby repealed."

Rep. LUCAS, of Nevada, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Is it the duty of the Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge to notify a brother while under suspension for cause, and for a "definite time," that he is in arrears? and is it legal for the Lodge to declare such brother "ceased membership," or dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues?

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to report a law by which members of Subordinate Lodges in good standing, over fifty years of age, may become non-beneficial, provided they have been in membership five consecutive years.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That a form of ceremonies and obligations be prepared and promulgated for use in the consolidation of Encampments, there appearing to be no such form now in existence.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, submitted a memorial from B. C. TRUE and other P. G. Representatives, concerning the work of the Order, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. HAZLETT, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At a session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in May, 1878, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to endeavor to have the Grand Lodge of the United States so change the laws that the Grand Encampment of Ohio may elect officers for two years, and be permitted to hold biennial sessions.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, held in May, 1878, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Grand Encampment, to encourage and render more efficient the organization of uniformed Patriarchs in Subordinate Encampments, additional legislation is required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the following particulars:

1. To adopt and prescribe a uniform system or Manual of Tactics and Drill for the use of such organizations.
2. To authorize such organizations to elect their own officers, and to adopt rules and by-laws for their own government, not inconsistent with the laws of the Encampment.
3. To enable such organizations to impose dues or assessments upon their members for necessary expenses, in addition to those due the Encampment, and to enforce the payment thereof.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge upon that Grand Body the adoption of appropriate legislation for the accomplishment of these ends.

Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, submitted the following question from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Question: When the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribes an initiatory regalia for an officer, is it necessary for such officer while clothed in such initiatory regalia to also be clothed in the working regalia of his office?

Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges of the I. O. O. F. be authorized to confer the same honors at the burial of a sister of Rebekah as at the burial of a brother Odd Fellow.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges be requested to inquire whether there is any suitable regalia provided by law for the officers of said Lodges, and if it shall appear that there is none, then that said committee be required to report a suitable regalia for the same.

Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That hereafter Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be and are hereby authorized to admit by regular ballot to membership into their respective Lodges any lady who is now the widow of an Odd Fellow, and who lost her membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge by reason of her husband losing his membership in his Subordinate Lodge, prior to the passage of the law by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1873, page 5915, Such lady to present the best evidence she can of her former connection with any Rebekah Degree Lodge, or that she had at any time received the Degree of Rebekah.

Resolved, That any lady who is now the widow of an Odd Fellow, and who had, prior to the death of her husband, received the Degree of Rebekah, but not belonging to any Rebekah Degree Lodge at the date of the death of her husband, and whose husband since the law of 1873 had ceased to be a member in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge at the date of his death by

reason of non-payment of dues, be and she is hereby made eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge upon furnishing the necessary proofs as named in the preceding resolution.

Rep. HOCKIN, of the Lower Provinces, B. N. A., moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, It has been the practice of this Grand Lodge, when issuing duplicate Charters, to cause the same to be signed by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in office at the time of issue of such duplicate Charter, and setting forth upon the face of the same that it is a duplicate; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that such duplicate should in all things be a duplicate of the original Charter; therefore

Resolved, That all duplicate Charters hereafter issued shall have subscribed thereto the name of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary in office at the time of issue of the original Charter, and that there be set forth upon the face of the same that it is a duplicate Charter, which shall be signed by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in office at the time of the issue of such duplicate.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, Petitions, signed in a large number of the districts by the Past Grands of the jurisdiction of New York, to the number of several hundred, are now on file in the Grand Secretary's office, asking for a revision and condensation of the five degrees into three, and that the work of Subordinate Lodges hereafter be required to be transacted in the Scarlet Degree.

Resolved, That so much therein as relates to the revision be referred to the Grand Lodge in secret session, and so much as relates to the work of Subordinate Lodges in the Scarlet Degree be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

To the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The memorial of the undersigned respectfully represents:

That at your last session he respectfully petitioned your R. W. Grand Body for leave to restore to the "Odd Fellows' Improved Manual" certain forms and ceremonials formerly published therein (Proceedings, pp. 7350, 7351); that you referred said petition to your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, who reported not merely a denial of his request, but also certain accusations against him (Proceedings, p. 7433), and that said charges were adopted with the report by your R. W. Grand Body (Proceedings, p. 7501), without notice to the accused of the pendency of such charges, without affording him opportunity to confront his accusers and examine their proofs or witnesses (if any), and without allowing him a hearing before voting him guilty. Those charges you have published to the Order and to the world in your Journal of Proceedings, and thus presented your memorialist, for all coming time, as pronounced guilty by the highest judicature of our Order, of having repeatedly disobeyed your warnings, and for a long time violated the laws of the Order and his solemn obligations as an Odd Fellow.

Feeling grievously wronged in having been thus unjustly sentenced and published, yet hoping and trusting that your R. W. Grand Body did it through some misinformation and misunderstanding of the facts, your memorialist humbly begs leave to show, in a kind and respectful manner and spirit, wherein the charges are untrue and your verdict unjust.

Passing by any informality or irregularity in the arraignment and *ex parte* proceedings, and the false imputations on my personal character *as a man* (reported as in your daily printed Journal, but omitted from your revised Proceedings), I will only reply to your three charges against me *as an Odd Fellow.*

I. Your committee *charged*, and your R. W. Grand Body *voted*—"First, he [meaning your petitioner] had no legal right to publish certain ceremonials of the Order, and even those which he claims to have been expressly prepared for his Manual infringed the rights of this R. W. Grand Body, and instead of conferring a benefit on the Order, in many respects injury was done," &c.

Reply.—At and before the publication of the Odd Fellows' Manual, the law of your R. W. Grand Body required a permit to be obtained from a State Grand Lodge, or its Grand Master, before publishing any matter concerning Odd Fellowship, In 1852, while a member of Montgomery Lodge, Fort Plain, N. Y., I applied to Bro. Dexter Gillmore, Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York, for a permit to publish the Manual. He granted it, and that permit was printed in every copy of the early editions, to show that its publication was legally authorized.

Previous to this, while living in Philadelphia, Prof. H. S. Patterson, Grand Master, and Wm. Curtis, Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and others, urged me to prepare such a work for the Order. When my manuscript was ready, Bros. Patterson and Curtis revised it, and aided me with corrections, additions, and counsel. They believed its publication legal and desirable.

When the book was printed, its publishers furnished a copy for examination to every officer and member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in session, September, 1852. *Sixty-eight* of these, of *twenty-seven* jurisdictions (being *more than four-fifths*, if not *nine-tenths*, of all the members of that Grand Lodge), fully indorsed and warmly recommended it to the brethren at large. Of those who then, and since then, thus indorsed the Manual, are *eight* Past and Present Grand Sires, viz.: Thomas Wildey, Wm. Ellison, Geo. W. Race, Jas. P. Sanders, E. D. Farnsworth, Fred. D. Stuart, C. A. Logan, and John W. Stokes; two Past Deputy Grand Sires, H. A. Manchester and Timothy G. Senter; two of your Past Grand Chaplains, Revs. J. M. Willey and I. D. Williamson; your Grand Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely, and your Grand Treasurer, Joshua Vansant. I believed, and yet confidently believe, that these brethren would not lend their names and influence to an illegal publication, or one deemed injurious to our Order. And besides these *sixty-eight* of your officers and members, numerous officers of State Grand Bodies have, at different times, similarly indorsed the Manual. If, then, I have erred in believing its publication authorized and useful, it has been in common with many of the oldest, ablest, best, and most highly honored "brethren of our friendly Order," none of whom deserve "severe censure and rebuke."

II. Your committee *charged*, and your R. W. Grand Body *voted*, that "the author (*i. e.*, your petitioner) has entirely forgotten himself in assuming to dictate to this R. W. Grand Body," &c.

Reply.—That I did not assume to "dictate," I respectfully refer you to the petition itself, pages 7350 and 7351 of your Proceedings. It was meant to be, and I am confident you will now pronounce it, courteous and respectful in letter as in spirit. It did not even *advise*, much less "dictate." It *suggested* a case to meet a possible objection to granting my request. As to the only and sordid motive imputed to me, instead of that which I really felt and truly stated, I deny it, and humbly question the propriety of char-

ging it without proof that I had asserted a false motive. And I beg leave to add, that of all my writings for the Order during my nearly thirty-six years of membership, very few received pecuniary compensation, and *none*, not even the Manual, was ever engaged in "*as a speculation.*" My *main* motive in all ever has been the "good and welfare of the Order." Deny me not this true and righteous claim; it may seem of little worth to sordid souls, but to me it is very precious.

III. Your committee *charged*, and your R. W. Grand Body *voted*, that your memorialist is guilty of "total disregard of the oft-repeated warnings of this Grand Body, which, had proper notice been taken long ago, would have been severely censured, and his continued violation of law would have been rebuked."

REPLY.—Confidently believing that the right to publish had been legally obtained, and had never been forfeited, and that investments made under that right could not lawfully and rightfully be taken from me without due process of law and just compensation, and confirmed in such belief by successive and continuous approvals of my publication by the highest officers and most eminent members of your R. W. Grand Body and of the Order, I naturally believed that all the warnings referred to related only to those who had not complied with your laws, as I had done. But when your M. W. Grand Sire, MILTON J. DURHAM, and your R. W. Grand Secretary, JAS. L. RIDGELY, requested me to discontinue publishing the forms in the Manual, I did not insist on my vested rights. My claims to those ceremonials, which were original in the Manual, and for which I had paid a liberal sum ($250) was not denied. But when told that if I retained them your R. W. Grand Body (which had adopted them) would have to prepare others in their stead, I at once yielded up the sole publication of even those to your R. W. Grand Body—so unwilling was I even to *seem* disobedient to the wishes, or opposed to the interest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or in any wise disloyal to our Order.

In conclusion: such are the facts and the reasons on which I base my firm, positive, but respectful denial of each and every charge made or insinuated by your committee. If this memorial is deemed a sufficient defence, may I not humbly entreat your R. W. Grand Body to remove or efface, so far as you can, the false and cruel brand stamped on my name and reputation? My character as an Odd Fellow is as dear to me and mine as that of any of your members can be to its possessor; and when I pass away from earth, as I soon must do, being in my seventy-sixth year, I would fain leave it without stain or reproach in our Order.

But if, after full consideration, your R. W. Grand Body still holds me guilty of anything deserving "severe censure and rebuke," then I pray grant me a fair trial. Let plain charges and specifications be drawn up, and let me be lawfully tried before a proper tribunal, where I can confront my accusers, and examine their proofs and witnesses, and be heard in my own defence. Have I not a right to this, at least? Or must I remain condemned untried?

Praying you to receive and consider this memorial in a calm, candid, just, and brotherly spirit—in the true spirit of our Odd Fellowship—I remain, very respectfully and sincerely, your brother, in F., L.. and T..

A. B. GROSH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14, 1878.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments:

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, on Committee to provide a Funeral Benefit Feature for the Encampment branch of the Order, *vice* P. G. Rep. CLEAVER, appointed at session of 1877. (Journal, page 7424.)

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, on Committee of Finance, in place of Rep. HOMES, who is absent.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved that at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Lodge shall proceed to elect officers for the ensuing term, which was agreed to.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBBINS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

The Grand Sire announced the following committees:

Special Committee on the Death of Grand Representative Porter, of California.—Reps. DANN, of California; BEATTY, of California; BOYD, of California; COURTNEY, of Virginia; Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire.

Special Committee on the Death of P. G. Sire Stuart.—Reps. GIVEN, of District of Columbia; HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; HERRING, of Texas; Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

At the session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, held this thirty-first day of July, 1878, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Encampment be requested to ask of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the following question:

Has the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts the right to provide a dinner for its members, while at its session, and pay for the same from the funds of the Grand Encampment?

The hour fixed by special order for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The following nomination was made for the office of M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, Deputy Grand Sire JOHN B. HARMON, of California.

On motion of Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, the nominations were closed.

The Chair appointed Reps. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, and NEWELL, of New Jersey, as tellers.

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, was authorized to cast the vote of the Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M., of California; whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M., of California, was unanimously elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Deputy Grand Sire. The following nominations were made:

By Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa.
By Rep. HASKINS, of New York, JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M., of New York.
By Rep. JONES, of Maryland, HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland.
By Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia.
By Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M., of Ontario.
By Rep. HILDRETH, of New Hampshire, JOSEPH KIDDER, P. G. M., of New Hampshire.
By Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, WM. H. THOMPSON, P. G. M., of Missouri.
By Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. Rep., of North Carolina.

The nominations being now closed, the tellers received the votes of the Representatives, and reported that one hundred and eighteen votes had been polled, of which

ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa, received	30
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M., of New York, received	18
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, received	17
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, received	26
JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M., of Ontario, received	5
JOSEPH KIDDER, P. G. M., of New Hampshire, received	5
WM. H. THOMPSON, P. G. M., of Missouri, received	10
CHAS. M. BUSBEE, P. G. Rep., of North Carolina, received	7
Total	118

And that no election had been held; whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina.

Rep. HILDRETH, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire.

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and twenty-one votes had been polled, of which

ERIE J. LEECH, P. G M. of Iowa, received	35
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M., of New York, received	17
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, received	19
LUTHER J. GLENN, P G. Rep., of Georgia, received	39
WM. H. THOMPSON, P. G. M., of Missouri, received	11
Total	121

And that no election had been held; whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and twenty-two votes had been polled, of which

ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M, of Iowa, received	39
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M., of New York, received	12
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, received	16
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, received	55
Total	122

And that no election had been held; whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. HASKINS, of New York, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of Rep. WHITE, of New York.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and twenty-three votes had been polled, of which

ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa, received	47
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, received	10
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, received	66
Total	123

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. BOYD, of California, the nominations were closed; and on motion of Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, it was ordered that Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland; whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, was unanimously chosen R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. BRADLEY, of Colorado, JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, the nominations were closed; and on motion of Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, it was ordered that Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which being done, the tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland; whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland, was unanimously chosen R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

The Chair presented a certificate of the election of JAMES L. DAVIS as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Montana, *vice* CHARLES E. DUER, resigned, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair submitted the following:

BALTIMORE, September 17, 1878.

HON. JOSHUA VANSANT:

MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER,—If seats at the Grand Opera House any evening of this week will add to the enjoyment of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States (either visiting or of our own State), I will be most happy to reserve them on any date you may designate. Kindly be the medium to ascertain the wishes of the brethren, and avoid publicity, if possible, as to the invitation, obliging,

As ever, regardfully and fraternally yours,

J. T. FORD.

On motion of Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted for Thursday evening, with the thanks of the Lodge.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to reconsider the vote by which 12 o'clock this day was designated as the hour for the reception of obituary addresses, which was agreed to.

The question being on the original motion,

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to amend, by striking out "12 o'clock, noon," and inserting "8 o'clock this evening," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to take up for consideration the resolutions to be found on page 7711, Journal of yesterday, the further consideration of which was postponed until to-day, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the preamble and resolutions,

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved to amend, by inserting the following in place of the resolutions on page 7711.

Resolved, That a special committee, to consist of five members, be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, to take into consideration such questions and subjects as may be referred to it respecting the Patriarchal branch of the Order; and it shall be the duty of the said committee to recommend to this Grand Lodge for action at this session, if practicable, such propositions as it may deem most promotive of the general welfare of that branch of the Order, ritualistic or otherwise.

Which was agreed to, and the preamble and resolutions as amended were adopted.

The Chair announced the following as the committee:

Reps. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; THOMPSON, of Missouri; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; GIVEN, of the District of Columbia; BLANKS, of Virginia.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment, page 7005 (Journal of 1876), as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge so as to read as follows;

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barrett, Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Bell, Boyd, Boyles, Busbee, Cohen, Crane, Cummings, Dann (2 votes),

Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Driggs, Elder, Eldridge, Ford, of Nebraska, Garey, Given, Gundaker, Gwinner, Havenner, Haynie, Hazlett, Henderson (2 votes), Hickok, Hildreth, Hoffman, Housel, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Jones, of Ohio, Kennedy, Kimball, Leech, Lucas, McCahan, McKinney, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Moore, Morgan, Mucklé, Mulcahy, Newman, Oviatt, Peck, Rawlings, Shaffner, Sheire, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Stickney, Sweeney, Taylor (2 votes), Thompson, Ticknor, Underwood (2 votes), Walker, Walton, Weakley, Welch, Williston, Zimmerer.—74.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Andrew, Barrows, Bigelow, Blanks (2 votes), Bradley, Brereton, Charlton, Craig, Davis, of Maine, Douglass, Dye, Dyer, Elliott, Ford, of Ontario, Gale, Gibson, Graham, Haskins, Havens, Herring, Hockin, Hogan, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnson, Jones, of Wisconsin, Lee, Lindsley, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of Rhode Island, Munson, Newell, Nutt, Pearce, Perkins, Perry, Pierson, Price, Robbe, Robbins, Shearer, Spencer, Stafford, Stebbins, Tompkins (2 votes), Van Nort, Vinton, Wagner, White, Woodruff (2 votes), Woodyatt.—56.

The next amendment, page 7056 (Journal of 1876), as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendments, page 7356, as follows, were considered:

Amend Article IX., Section 1, so as to read as follows:

Article IX., Section 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Amend Article XIII., Section 4, so as to read as follows:

Article XIII., Section 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments, on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, they were indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7356, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XIV., Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows:
Article XIV., Section 2. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.
Section 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. DANN, of California, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7356, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XXI. so as to read as follows:
Article XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7410, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XVII. so as to read as follows:
Article XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding eight cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barrows, Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Boyd, Boyles, Bradley, Brereton, Busbee, Charlton, Courtney, Craig, Cummings, Dann (2 votes), Douglass, Dye, Elder, Graham, Gundaker, Havenner, Havens, Haynie, Herring, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnstone, Jones, of North Carolina, Jones, of Wisconsin, Lucas, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Mulcahy, Newell, Nutt (2 votes), Oviatt, Pearce, Pierson, Price, Robbe, Shearer, Spencer, Stafford, Tompkins (2 votes), Vinton, Wagner, Walker, Walton, Weakley, Woodruff (2 votes).—57.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Andrew, Barrett, Bell, Bigelow, Blanks, Cohen, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Maine, Driggs, Dyer, Eldridge, Elliott, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gale, Garey, Gibson, Given, Gwinner, Haskins, Hazlett, Henderson (2 votes), Hickok, Hildreth, Hockin, Hoffman, Hogan, Housel, Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Ohio, Kennedy, Kimball (2 votes), Lee, Leech, Lindsley, Marshall, McCahan, McKinney, Miller, of Rhode Island, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Moore, Morris, Mucklé, Munson, Newman, Peck, Perkins, Perry, Rawlings, Robbins, Robinson, Shaffner, Sheire, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Stebbins, Stickney, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson, Ticknor, Underwood, Van Nort, Welch, White, Williston, Woodyatt, Zimmerer.—74.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the amendment be postponed until the next session, which was not agreed to.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved that the subject lie upon the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Barrett, Bell, Cohen, Crane, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Maine, Driggs, Dyer, Eldridge, Elliott, Ford, of Nebraska, Garey, Given, Gundaker, Gwinner, Haskins, Hazlett, Henderson, Hickok, Hildreth, Housel, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnson, Johnstone, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Ohio, Kennedy, Kimball, Leech, Lindsley, Marshall, McCahan, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller, of Rhode Island, Miller, of West Virginia, Moore, Morris, Mucklé, Newman, Oviatt, Peck, Perkins, Rawlings, Robbins, Robinson, Shaffner, Shearer, Sheire, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Stebbins, Stickney, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson (2 votes), Ticknor, Underwood, Van Nort, Welch, White, Williston, Zimmerer.—67.

NAYS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barrows (2 votes), Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Bigelow, Blanks, Boyd, Boyles, Bradley, Brereton, Busbee, Charlton, Courtney, Craig, Cummings, Dann (2 votes), Davis, of Montana, Douglass, Dye, Elder, Ford, of Ontario, Gale, Gibson, Graham, Havenner, Havens, Haynie, Herring, Hockin, Hoffman, Hogan, Jones, of North Carolina, Jones, of Wisconsin, Lee, Lucas, McKinney, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of New Hampshire, Morgan, Mulcahy, Munson (2 votes), Newell, Nutt, Pearce, Perry, Price, Robbe, Spencer, Stafford, Tompkins (2 votes), Vinton, Walker, Walton, Weakley, Woodruff (2 votes), Woodyatt. —63.

The next amendment, page 7426, as follows, was considered:

Amend the second section of Article IX. of the Constitution, so that it shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. Every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes. But no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge

or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative; provided, however, that every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next amendment, page 7455, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article I. by striking out Section 1, and insert as follows:
SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Backensto, Bagley, Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Bell, Blanks, Boyd, Boyles, Bradley, Brereton, Busbee, Cohen, Crane, Dann (2 votes), Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Elder, Eldridge, Elliott, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gibson, Given, Graham, Gundaker, Havenner, Haynie, Henderson (2 votes), Herring, Hildreth, Hockin, Hoffman, Housel, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnson, Jones, of North Carolina, Jones, of Ohio, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Kimball, Leech, Lindsley, Lucas, Marshall, McKinney, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller of Rhode Island, Miller, of West Virginia, Moore, Morris, Mulcahy, Munson, Newell, Newman, Nutt, Pearce, Perkins (2 votes), Perry, Pierson, Robbe, Robbins, Shaffner, Shipley, Spates, Stafford, Stebbins, Sweeney, Taylor, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins (2 votes), Underwood, Van Nort, Wagner (2 votes), Walker, Walton, Weakley, Welch, White, Williston, Woodruff (2 votes), Woodyatt, Zimmerer.—93.

NAYS.—Reps. Bigelow, Charlton, Courtney, Craig, Cummings, Driggs, Dye, Gale, Garey, Gwinner, Havens, Hazlett, Hickok, Hogan, Jones, of Maryland, Lee, McCahan, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Minturn, Mucklé, Peck, Price, Rawlings, Robinson, Shearer (2 votes), Sheire, Sheppard, Spencer, Vinton.—31.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to

time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

C. M. BUSBEE, of North Carolina.
NATHAN TAYLOR, of Massachusetts.
A. T. MCKINNEY, of Texas.
CHAS. N. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky.
JOHN T. GIVEN, of Dist. of Columbia.
WM. H. BAGLEY, of North Carolina.
R. J. JONES, of North Carolina.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Representatives in attendance at the present session at ten cents per mile, by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per day for six days' attendance.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend, by striking out "ten" and inserting "eight," and by striking out "five" and inserting "four."

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Finance, which was agreed to.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, to be found on page 7529 of Journal, approving of the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in changing the place of meeting from Texas to Maryland, beg leave to report, thay they have examined into the subject with great carefulness, omitting nothing which could shed light upon the subject, and have concluded to report said resolution for adoption, as follows:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, J. W. STOKES, in issuing his proclamation bearing date the 17th day of August, 1878, ordering and directing the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to be held in the city of Baltimore, be and the same is in all things approved, ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, JOHN H. WHITE, T. I. DRIGGS,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the special committee appointed at last session to recommend an Encampment Street Regalia, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your special committee appointed in conformity to the report and resolu-

tion found on page 7418, Journal of last session, respecting regalia for the Patriarchal Department of the Order, respectfully report:

Immediately after the last session of this Grand Lodge the committee commenced their efforts toward accomplishing the object of their appointment. Much correspondence has transpired and many experienced Patriarchs have been consulted. The result of their labors is herewith submitted.

The committee hope that this system of regalia will be adopted. Many are of opinion that it will have a marked beneficial effect, promotive of the general welfare of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

The old and well-established collar in its simplicity is to continue. The significant Patriarchal staff of our ancient forefathers is brought out and becomes a feature before the public. The staff, when used according to instructions, will assist in keeping the Patriarchs in line and orderly; and, besides, it will give a symbolic appearance of Patriarchal characteristic sufficiently distinctive that the public cannot mistake them for any other Order or fraternity.

The selection of a proper head-dress was the most difficult problem that required solution. The covering of the head used by our ancient fathers was the "turban," and it is the custom to this day in parts of Asia; but this style could not be adopted for use in this country. The silk and slouched hats were both seriously considered, but to both there were positive objections. The committee at first desired to adopt a hat that was in every-day use, so as to secure economy and convenience. But no one kind was in general use, therefore a large proportion of Patriarchs would have had to purchase a hat for the occasion. It was deemed but fair to all and most appropriate to propose a special Patriarchal hat, and permit none other to be worn on public occasions. We have selected the mountaineer shepherd's hat of the Balkan and Alpine ranges of Southern Europe, which has been in use in those regions for the past thousand years, excepting the peacock plumage, which was worn in the days of Pharoah; we have substituted the ostrich in its stead.

The style of hat and trimmings are cheap, and need not exceed $3.00, but a more ordinary quality can be got for $1.50.

Instructions are given as to the manner of making and using the several parts composing the regalia. The committee have had in view economy and simplicity as well as appropriateness in the combination.

The committee have ventured to propose instructions to facilitate the Patriarchs in forming into single and double ranks; also into sections and manner of marching. The plan contemplates the non-appearance of military evolutions in the street, and the vain display of giving commands as practised by those who are engaged in the "pomp and circumstance of war."

The cost of the regalia as now proposed, we are informed, will be as follows, viz.:

When made of superior materials, about $20.00, as per sample shown.

When made of inferior materials, with gold trimmings not pure, about $8.00.

When made of cotton velvet and yellow cotton trimmings, about $5.00.

The crook can be cast brass, electrotyped copper, or it can be made of tin, costing from fifty cents to three dollars.

The committee hope and expect that the regalia herewith proposed will be the only one used by the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

It is proper to state, however, that the committee have not taken into consideration the street uniform heretofore authorized to be used by Patriarchs; on the contrary, the committee recommend that the street uniform be permitted to remain undisturbed.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JOHN T. GIVEN,
J. S. TICKNOR, WM. S. JOHNSON.

Resolved, That the foregoing Patriarchal regalia be and the same is hereby adopted.

Further resolved, That on public occasions no other regalia shall be worn by Patriarchs, appearing as such, than that now adopted.

Further resolved, That all laws or acts hitherto existing and adopted by this Grand Lodge, in conflict with the herein-described regalia, shall be and are hereby repealed, and special reference is hereby made to By-Law XXII. of this Grand Lodge.

Further resolved, That all Grand Encampments are hereby instructed to enforce fulfilment of the herein-described system of regalia in their respective jurisdictions.

Further resolved, That all Subordinate Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby instructed to carry out the herein-described system of regalia.

General Regulations and Authorization respecting the Regalia for all the Patriarchal Degrees to be used on Public Occasions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE REGALIA.

Clause 1. A dark suit of clothes; the coat must be frock; vest and cravat black.

A Grand Jurisdiction is hereby authorized to empower any Subordinate Encampment to make choice of any particular pattern of coat or color of vest or cravat.

Clause 2. Gloves are to be black, and to be worn on all public occasions.

Clause 3. The hat is to be black beaver or felt, stiff, flat rim, crown with a slight slope from rim to top, and to be stiff, top to be flat, rim to be about three inches wide and crown about five inches high for an average-sized Patriarch, but they may be enlarged or reduced according to the size of the Patriarch. The cord or band for the hat shall be yellow, one-quarter of an inch diameter, placed around the crown with acorn tassels one inch long in front. In front of crown shall be placed a black ostrich feather about nine inches long and made to stand upright; at the quill end shall be placed two ostrich tips diverging, each about six inches long; these to be held in place by a metallic tent on crooks crossed.

Clause 4. The Patriarchal Staff shall be painted black and about five feet long to the crook, which shall be about ten inches from lower end to the top of the bend, the short end to point outward, the crook to be yellow. The staff shall be carried by every Patriarch, including officers and past officers.

Clause 5. The Patriarchal Staff shall be carried on the right side, resting against the shoulder, with the lower end of crook even with the ear, and the short end to point to the front. The following regulations respecting the use of the Staff shall be observed:

First.—When the Patriarch is not in motion, the Staff may rest upon the earth, but always upright, on a line with the body, and on the right side.

Second.—When the Patriarch is in motion, the Staff must be carried on the right side, arm extended with ease—the Staff to rest against right shoulder, as above described.

Third.—The second position may be changed, so as to place the Staff across the body at an angle of twenty-two and a half degrees with the body, and when the Staff is thus placed by the right arm, the left hand must support the right hand.

Fourth.—When the Patriarchs are in line, to give honor to higher rank, the Staff shall be placed immediately in front of, and three inches from the body, the left hand also grasping Staff six inches above the right hand, the lower part of the crook to be on a line with the ear.

These respective positions shall be styled as follows:

1st. Staff on Order.
2d. Staff on Shoulder.
3d. Staff on Rest.
4th. Staff on Honor.

Clause 6. The collar to be made of purple velvet, with yellow trimmings; lace one-half inch wide; fringe about two inches wide; tassels three inches long; ends of collar to be united by three links. The size and dimensions of the collar to conform to the size of the Patriarch. On each side of the collar shall be placed two stars of yellow metal, and a tent made of yellow metal, or embroidered, three inches long, placed on each side between the stars.

SPECIAL AND DISTINCTIVE REGULATIONS.

Item 1. Patriarchs of the Patriarchal Degree are to wear a hat trimmed black, no feather; black collar, trimmed with black tassels, and bound with black braid one-half an inch wide.

Item 2. Patriarchs of the Golden Rule Degree are to wear the black hat, with yellow trimmings, no feather; a black collar, trimmed with yellow braid one-half an inch wide, and yellow tassels.

Item 3. Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree are to wear the regulation hat, black feather and two purple tips, and purple collar, as required by Clause 6.

Item 4. Elective and appointed Officers of an Encampment shall wear the same collar as prescribed for them to wear in the Encampment, also hat, with black feather and purple tips.

Item 5. Patriarchs of Grand Encampment shall wear the same regalia required to be worn by Royal Purple Patriarchs, excepting the feather shall be yellow, tips to be purple.

Item 6. Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives, participating with the Patriarchal branch, shall appear precisely as required for Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment, except they may wear the Grand Representative collar.

Item 7. Officers of the Grand Encampment shall appear as Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment only, excepting the official jewels.

Rep. BACKENSTO, of Oregon, from the special committee to report a law providing for benefits to members holding Withdrawal Cards, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your special committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting to this Grand Body "a system or law by which brothers of the Order may claim the protection and benefits from the Lodge or Encampment of which they were members while in transit, or for the time they shall have paid their dues after the date of their cards," have considered the subject, and are of opinion that a law of the character indicated in the resolution on Journal, page 7480, should be enacted.

A brother may be a faithful contributing member of his Lodge or Encampment for a quarter of a century. Circumstances may require him to remove his residence, and naturally he desires to become a member of a Lodge in the city or town to which he has removed. The laws of the Lodge require a membership of three, and, perhaps, six months before he becomes a beneficial member. He severs his relations with the old Lodge to which he largely contributed, without receiving a dollar as benefits, and thus he is for a period of three, or, perhaps, six months, a non-beneficial member, and during that time disease may attack him, and he has no claim either upon the old Lodge, to whose prosperity he has been a willing and faithful contributor, or the new one, which has recently admitted him to membership. We submit, therefore, that no injustice will be done to the former Lodge by requiring it to protect a brother as a beneficial member for such reasonable time as he may advance his dues, and respectfully present the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That when a brother applies for a Withdrawal Card, he shall have the privilege of tendering the amount of dues according to the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment then in force (and be thereafter subject to such By-Laws), for such period not exceeding one year as he may elect, and asking for "a Beneficial Withdrawal Card."

Reso'ved, That the provisions of the law of 1865, Journal, 3827, 3846 (Digest, Section 243), shall apply to applications for Beneficial Withdrawal Cards.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause cards to be prepared of the following form:

BENEFICIAL WITHDRAWAL CARD.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

To all whom it may concern:

This is to certify that our well-beloved Brother ....., who has attained the ..... Degree, and whose signature, written by himself, is properly situated on the margin of this card, was regularly admitted a member of our ..... by ..... on the .. day of ..... 18.... and has paid all demands against him up to this date, and is under no charge whatever.

And whereas our well-beloved brother in asking for this card does also ask and claim the same care and protection of his ..... for the time he shall have paid his dues after the date of his card that he would be entitled to if holding a Visiting Card.

This is to certify that the Constitution and By-Laws of our ..... allow for weekly benefits the sum of ..... dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of ..... dollars, and that Brother ..... is entitled to the said benefits from the date of this card, to the ..... day of ..... 18.. We therefore recommend him to your friendship and protection, and admission into any regular ..... of Odd Fellows to which he may apply within one year from the date hereof.

This card is granted by ....., No. .., which was duly instituted at .... on the ..... day of ....., 18.., by authority of the Right Worthy Grand ..... of the ..... of ..... In witness whereof, we subscribe hereunto our hands, and affix the seal of our ..... this the ..... day of ..... one thousand eight hundred and .....

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Resolved, That the above cards be printed from electrotype plates, to be prepared under the supervision and direction of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That no brother shall be entitled to draw benefits from more than one Lodge and one Encampment at the same time; therefore—

When a brother has withdrawn from his Lodge or Encampment, and has taken a Beneficial Withdrawal Card, and shall become a beneficial member of another Lodge or Encampment, then the benefits guaranteed in his card shall cease.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BACKENSTO, FRANK G. BEATTY.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following questions from Rep. MILLER, by instruction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, to wit:

1. Has a fifth degree member, who may be also a member of an Encampment, the right to visit a Subordinate Lodge in the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

2. Is it the duty of such member to wear the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

3. Should the highest title they may have attained in the Order be stated in the Visiting or Withdrawal Card?

Respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject, and would answer the first question: Yes. See By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Article XXIV., which reads as follows: "Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken."

To the second question, we reply it is optional for members to do so.

To the third: Yes; in the branch of the Order from which the card is taken, except if the brother be a Grand Representative or a P. G. Representative; then said rank should be expressed on the card, when taken either from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, JOSHUA J. WALTON, JOHN N. GALE,
C. M. BUSBEE, WM. R. McLEAN, JOHN CHARLTON,
JOHN H. WHITE, M. P. LINDSLEY.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. K. PHILLIPS from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in the case of Magnolia Lodge, No. 29, would respectfully report that this is simply a case where certain amendments to the By-Laws of Magnolia Lodge, which were submitted to the Grand Lodge of California for approval, were disapproved by said Grand Body, and the appeal is from this disapproval. Your committee find nothing in the action of the Grand Lodge of California requiring the interference of this Grand Lodge, and they therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. H. BAGLEY, WM. S. DAVIS,
NATHAN TAYLOR, JOHN R. TOMPKINS, W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

At a regular session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia the following inquiry was submitted by W. J. POINTS, P. D. G. M., and D. A. BUCHER, P. G.: "Is it imperative upon the Noble Grand to open and close his Lodge in regular form when called to attend the funeral of a brother in pursuance of Article XXXIV. of the General Laws?"

The Grand Lodge decided "that it is *not* imperative upon the Noble Grand—he may do so or not."

W. J. POINTS, P. D. G. M., appeals from this action of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee do not find any law requiring a Noble Grand to open and close his Lodge in regular form when called to attend the funeral of a brother,

and would recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN TAYLOR, JAMES WOODYATT, WM. S. DAVIS,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS, WM. S. JOHNSON, H. D. WALKER,
W. H. THOMPSON, WM. H. BAGLEY.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on Distribution of the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, made the following report, which, under a suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in order to distribute the various subjects to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend:

That so much as relates to general correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to foreign correspondence, Australian mission, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, and Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, D. D. G. S., Sandwich Islands, Switzerland, translation of the rituals, and matters relating to foreign jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to life insurance and relief of yellow fever sufferers in the South be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

That so much as relates to Warrants be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to returns be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as relates to dropping or suspending members for non-payment of dues be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the Degree of Rebekah be referred to the committee on that subject.

That so much as relates to the Digest be referred to a special committee.

That so much as relates to the Journal of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary's office, and finances be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, C. M. BUSBEE, JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
ISAAC M. VEITCH, JNO. R. TOMPKINS.

The Chair announced the Special Committee on Digest as follows:

Reps. TOMPKINS, of Alabama; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; COURTNEY, of Virginia; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; WHITE, of New York.

Rep. MUNSON, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that JAMES L. DAVIS, P. C. P., of Montana Territory, is duly accredited and entitled to a seat in this Grand Body, as shown by his certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

L. I. MUNSON, WM. N. NUTT, O. W. OVIATT,
J. A. HAYNIE, STEPHEN K. DYER.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee and R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa; also the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of New York, desire to respectfully report that they have examined the same, and submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the amended Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa; also the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of New York, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, D. B. WOODRUFF, GILBERT F. ROBBINS,
D. W. BRERETON, PETER S. HOFFMAN.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, having considered the appeal of Bro. W. C. EARL from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, submit that the subject-matter of this appeal is substantially predicated on a decision of the Grand Master of said jurisdiction, to the effect that a Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge is not eligible to be re-elected at the expiration of his term of office.

Your committee find that the law upon the subject vests the right of re-electing officers in the local jurisdictions; that in the exercise of this right, the Constitution of Ohio provides that any officer may in that jurisdiction be re-elected at the expiration of his term of office. And your committee, in the light of the law thus governing the case in question, respectfully submit that notwithstanding this R. W. Grand Lodge has incidentally held, to certain intents and purposes, that a Junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge, yet, the presiding Noble Grand may be eligible under local law to re-election as his own successor, especially when such election is held before his term of office expires and before in fact he becomes a Junior Past Grand in his Lodge. And your committee report the following and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. W. C. EARL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as herein before set forth, be and the same is hereby sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. TOMPKINS, WM. H. BAGLEY, WM. S. DAVIS,
W. H. THOMPSON, JAMES WOODYATT, H. D. WALKER,
WM. S. JOHNSON, NATHAN TAYLOR.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, on the Appeal Committee, No. 1, in place of Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, who is absent.

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, moved that when the hour for the announcement of the deaths of Representatives and Past

Grand Representatives arrives, the Lodge be declared at recess, that ladies and others may be admitted to the hall.

Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was agreed to, fifty voting in the affirmative and forty-three in the negative.

The hour fixed fo adjournment having arrived, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge adjourned until 8.30 o'clock this evening.

8.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Chair declared the special order to be the announcement of the decease of Representatives, Past Grand Representatives, and Past Grand Officers.

Rep. DANN, of California, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I arise, to make the sad announcement of the loss of one of California's noblest men and most distinguished Odd Fellows. NATHAN PORTER, Past Grand Representative, of California, is dead.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set;—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

Words fail me, to express to this Grand Lodge, the deep feeling of sadness which overwhelmed us, when upon the 6th day of January, 1878, the tidings of his sudden death were flashed from Sacramento, upon that wonderfully quiet and peaceful Sabbath morn. Earth was at rest, typical of that rest which comes to the weary toiler, who after "life's fitful fever, sleeps well." On such a morning, consecrated by the Sabbath's quiet, closed the earthly labors of one of Nature's noblemen, our own beloved NATHAN PORTER.

It will certainly not be considered unbecoming that his colleague in this Right Worthy Grand Body should, in a few brief words, recall the valuable services rendered by this distinguished brother to our Order, as one of its honored Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States. A record so full of faithful, conscientious labor deserves, and should receive honorable mention, and his colleague esteems himself peculiarly favored that he may thus appropriately add his tribute of praise and commendation to services so unselfishly performed.

Brother NATHAN PORTER—being at the time a Past Grand Representative in this Grand Lodge, from Rhode Island—was, at its session held in Baltimore, in September, 1870, admitted as a Representative from the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of California, a position which he continued to hold during eight successive years. His already extensive legislative experience enabled and entitled him to at once assume a position among the members of this body of perfect equality.

At the session of 1870 he was appointed upon the Committee on the State of the Order, the present Grand Sire, Bro. J. W. STOKES, being chairman. He was also appointed chairman upon two special committees, and in one of his reports, upon the subject of Libraries, he has placed upon record his high appreciation of this agency, in elevating the standard of morals and intelligence, and in promoting the best and highest interests of the Order.

At the session of 1871, Bro. PORTER was appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and in the report of that committee on the subject of Odd Fellowship in Germany, Switzerland, and other parts of Europe, he has preserved in imperishable lines his exalted estimate of the self-sacrificing labors of one whose name is forever identified with the establishment of our Order in those countries—the revered and honored MORSE. These are his words, which are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

"Amid discouragements which for a time seemed almost insurmountable; under the heavy hand of sickness, which held him for months on a bed of pain; in a foreign land whose adverse laws and the opposing inclinations of whose people repulsed his friendly advances, Bro. MORSE, upheld by the consciousness of the great good which would accrue to the present generation of Germanic-Europe, and to her people yet unborn, by the certain establishment among them of our benevolent Order, persevered until our most extravagant hopes were more than realized, and from his benevolent and determined hand was committed to the breeze, beside the national colors of Prussia, the kingdoms of Württemberg and Saxony, and the republic of Switzerland, the banner of Odd Fellowship, on whose pure white folds are emblazoned in letters of gold, the elements of our faith—Friendship, Love, and Truth. Thus are the peoples of three kingdoms, and the republic of Switzerland now united with us in a fraternal embrace, which we hope may be everlasting."

At the session of 1872, he was appointed as chairman of the Committee on Appeals, which position he continued to hold up to and including the session of 1877, the last one preceding his death. During the six years of his service as chairman of the Committee on Appeals, very many intricate and complicated questions and controversies arose, which by his legal mind were adjusted in a manner to receive the concurrence of his associates and the approval of the Grand Lodge itself; and no name, it is believed will be found more frequently identified with a clear, concise, and comprehensive presentation of matters for consideration, than that of Representative NATHAN PORTER, of California.

Although Representatives may differ as to the correctness of his views upon specific questions, yet all will undoubtedly accord to him honesty and purity of motive, and a conscientious desire to advance the interest and welfare of the Order. Representatives, let us strive to so exemplify the teachings of our Order that with equal justness and truth it may be said of each of us, He was a faithful and an honest man.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I beg that you will bear with me for but a few moments.

I am sure it is not that I would wantonly waste the valuable time of the Grand Lodge, that I crave permission to lay upon an honored bier a wreath of "cypress and bay" from my own State, and also to bring my personal tribute to the memory of a very dear friend, whose sympathy and fellowship have brightened for me many happy hours.

I have asked myself the question many times, since my heart, in common with those of the many who loved him, was saddened by the ruthless tidings of Grand Representative PORTER's sudden death, how I could spare from the treasure-house of my precious memories the recollections of him which are now, to my soul, of worth inestimable.

It was my fortune, in the progress and culmination of the warm friendship that had its beginning at the session of nine years ago, and grew in ardor with each succeeding annual reunion, to know more of Bro. PORTER's inner life than perhaps any other member of this Grand Lodge, excepting his own colleagues from the "Golden Shore," and his early compeers from the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

Our friendship, at first a mutual attraction, was enhanced by association, year after year, in the committee of which he was the accomplished and efficient chairman, and to which I was assigned, each recurring session, at his request, until circumstances, which made me the senior member of the Pennsylvania delegation, made it also my duty to my own jurisdiction to accept a chairmanship, which honor, personally, I would willingly have foregone, that I might have continued to work with him, and to which he, to quote his own words, "regretfully resigned me." "You deserve," said he, "the honor, and it is your duty to your State to accept the position, though I shall miss you sadly on my committee; but, come often to my room, as usual, we like to talk together, and I shall always want to see you."

Often had he said to me, in his peculiar way—a combination of cheerfulness and entreaty, tinged with sadness, as though he sought sympathy in his weariness—as our committee would rise after an evening's discussion, "Don't go, Brother HICKOK! we're both tired; let us talk awhile; it will rest us!" and so I got to staying regularly, as a thing of course. I never fully understood, until I knew I had lost my friend, what those times of fraternal communion were worth; and now that I have bitterly realized, by the changed associations of this session, that he is indeed gone, never more to return to me, except in dreams and sacred memories, oh! how I prize, beyond compare, and live over again in the solitude of my own thoughts, the halcyon hours when my mind and heart were made wiser and better by companionship with as true a spirit as the Omnipotent Creator of man ever spake into being.

My regard for him was not only reciprocal—it was more. It was born of the highest admiration for his personal character. I reverenced him, as I learned how pure was his nature; how high his aims—not those of ambition, but of personal excellence and relative usefulness—how exalted the standpoint from which he viewed life and its multifarious duties; how merciful and indulgent in his judgment of men, how patient of their errors and weaknesses; how great his confidence in the innate goodness of humanity and its susceptibility of restitution; how comprehensive in his charity; how considerate for the feelings of others; how magnanimous in his forbearance and forgivenesses.

There are numbers on this floor to-day who, with me, can recall circumstances in which, with all the terrible powers of sarcasm and subtle irony we knew him possessed of, he was, even when justly provoked, suave and conciliatory; and if, incidentally, he felt constrained to retaliate, it was uniformly with the courtesy and evident forbearance of him who had learned to be "greater in ruling his own spirit than is he that taketh a city."

I well remember, in my days of young experience in the Grand Lodge, of an occasion when, in the heat of debate, a bitter and ungenerous satire was launched at him, which, it was apparent, from the surprised expression of his eye and the flushing of his cheek, he felt; and I waited in anticipation of the scathing retort I knew was so ready in his mental armory, and wondered at the gentle and pleasant repartee that came instead; and when, in the evening, I remarked to him that he had just occasion for a caustic answer, and that had I been in his place, with his mastership of the situation, I would have annihilated his antagonist, his reply showed me the greatness of the man and taught me a life-lesson. "I did feel, for a moment," he said, "like being severe, but I have learned that it is much better to abstain from saying bitter things. We often have regrets for wounding the feelings of others, never any for the exercise of kindness. It is so pleasant to feel kind and be kind." Indelibly delineated on the canvas of my memory, is

his portrait, with its grand expression, as the noble sentiment passed his lips.

I recall the last time we were in each other's company. It was a privileged hour. Would God I had known it was to be the last. It was after the adjournment of last year's session. He and I were among the last of the Representatives in leaving the city. I was to go in the evening, he at a later hour. We sat in his room and talked of many things ere he said that warm good-bye I shall never hear again. He had been sad at other partings, for he had premonitions of an insidious organic affection lurking at the citadel of his life, and he occasionally spoke of it; but this evening he was cheerful and hopeful. He renewed his oft-repeated, warmly-pressed invitation for me to visit him during the winter months at his home at Oakland, and all presentiment of his frail tenure on life, that might be severed at a moment's warning, seemed banished from our minds; and so we parted, hoping to meet again, either on his own balmy Pacific shore, later in the season, or this month in the sunny South. By two dread calamities have we been taught the truth of the proverb—"Man proposes, God disposes." The South is in sackcloth. "The pestilence walketh there in the darkness and wasteth at noon-day," and Providence has thus interdicted our anticipated visit. Our brother is dead. Oh! shall we meet again? My heart has asked the question a thousand times.

I was not surprised to receive a cordial letter from him on his arrival at home, for I expected it. I had received many such. The last tracing of his hand to me was written the day but one before his death, from his desk in the Senate of California. It reached me days after the heart, that dictated it, was still, in that grand, true man's grave.

Forgive me, Representatives, if, in speaking of my friend I have seemed to dwell too much on my personal feelings. My love for him must be my apology, though you, I am assured, will require none at my hands.

His old associates on this floor have missed him sadly. We have looked in vain around this hall, so often reverberatory with his voice, for the manly form, the genial, thoughtful, earnest face, indicative of the "good, true heart within." We look in vain; we shall ever look in vain for his coming.

But I did not arise to "point a moral," nor presumptuously to suggest for others, lessons from this untimely bereavement. "The heart knoweth its own bitterness," and mine would "commune with itself and be still."

I could not do otherwise than bring my offering to our dead and speak my friend's praise. I have not done justice to his memory or his merit. My heart appreciates most vividly that which my tongue lacks language to express—the worth of one

> Who honored manhood by illustrious life;
> Guileless, and leal, and upright to the end:
> A faithful brother; steadfast, loyal friend;
> A hero in man's highest, holiest strife—
> The ennobling warfare for self-vanquishment.
> Such men die not! nor fate nor death's dread ire,
> Can dim their light, nor quench their spirit's fire:
> In vain are Adriel's frowns upon them bent,
> Immortal honor is their funeral pyre.

Rep: GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—At the suggestion of my colleagues, the sad and melancholy duty has been assigned me, of announcing to this R. W. Grand Lodge, the death of Past Grand Sire FREDERICK D. STUART, which mournful event occurred on the morning of the 25th of January, 1878, at his residence in Washington City, D. C.

With feelings of intense sympathy and depression, occasioned by this calamity, I fully realize my inability to do justice to the subject of my obituary, in the humble effort to place upon record a brief synopsis of Bro.

STUART's eventful and useful life, his ripe experience, or the calm and peaceful death of our much lamented friend, viewing his remarkable elements of character from a proper and intelligent stand-point, whether as a philanthropist and an Odd Fellow, as a citizen, or as a patriot, for his varied scientific attainments, and thorough self-culture, or in—what far transcends them all—the cheerful, yet soothing, and consoling spirit of resignation evinced by him ere passing beyond the river, that he truly possessed the pearl of great price, causing his death-bed to have been illumined by the celestial rays of the Christian faith and hope of a future blissful immortality.

We conceive it to be our duty to-day to discourse more specifically of Bro. STUART as regards his attachment to and prominent connection with our fraternity. He practically exemplified in a pre-eminent degree the essential prerequisites of a genuine philanthropist, possessing all the chivalric qualities of a hero combined with the gentleness of woman, unselfish and self-sacrificing, and devoting himself to the welfare and happiness of others with an ardor that prompted him to forget himself. His life was so gentle, and divested of ostentation, and clothed with a genial magnetism that won all hearts, possessing all the elements which constitute true greatness. Nature might indeed truthfully stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man." The records of this R. W. Grand Lodge, as well as those of very many of our State and Subordinate Jurisdictions, bear testimony by voluntary offerings of many and valuable tokens of regard and affection in acknowledgment of his worth, and speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, of the strong, fraternal feelings of his brethren, of their estimation and high appreciation of his eminent services to our beloved organization.

His well-deserved fame, for his untiring zeal, efficiency, and integrity stand out in distinct and bold outline, has enriched and is indelibly impressed upon every page of our Order's history since the year 1844. His memory to-day is embalmed in thousands of hearts, without as well as within the pale of our great brotherhood; but, alas! what a void has his demise produced in our ranks. Listen to the exceedingly appropriate, touching, and expressive language of our own beloved Grand Secretary RIDGELY on this point, as communicated to me, under date of January 29, 1878, relative to our great affliction:

"Who shall fill the void in our ranks? Echo will respond, Who? Never shall we look upon his like again. True, time may repair the severest loss, and nature suffers no breach that is irreparable; yet regarding his versatility of talent, his thorough self-culture in Odd Fellowship, and extraordinary adaptation to its every office, I know of no living or departed representative. The gulf may be bridged over, but it will be long before its accomplishment. Our loss will be greater and realized the more as time rolls on, and our experience becomes practical."

The spirit of Bro. STUART will live, we hopefully believe, throughout the endless ages of a glorious eternity, whilst the memory of his good deeds will be most sacredly cherished and treasured, and transmitted to millions yet unborn. All that was mortal of Bro. STUART has been by loving hearts and tender hands consigned to the custody of mother earth, and beside his former estimable companion, whose death and burial preceded that of the devoted husband within the brief space of some fourteen days. The loving wife and mother was through life the joy of his heart, as well as the comfort of his declining years, and an ardent admirer and a most enthusiastic friend of our beloved institution.

"Inseparable in life, in death they are not divided," but are sleeping sweetly on the banks of yonder placid river (Anacostia), near its junction with our own beautiful Potomac, the mound which marks their resting-place being fanned by its gentle breezes, whilst catching the reflected rays of the declining sun, as it gently sinks behind the wooded (western) hills which mark the location of the former happy home of the illustrious and renowned sage of Mount Vernon.

The pall-bearers to our dear brother were P. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, Grand Sire Jno. W. Stokes, P. G. Sire Jas. B. Nicholson, P. G. Sire M. J. Durham, P. G. Sire Thos. Sherlock, P. G. Rep. Hugh Latham, of Va., P. G. Geo. F. Lewis, of Phila., Pa., and Dr. Jno. B. Blake, of the National Monument Society. Many of the most prominent and distinguished Odd Fellows of the country were present, and it is conceded that the funeral was attended by one of the largest gatherings of people ever assembled on a similar occasion in Washington.

"So thou hast passed the unreturning gate,
Where dust with dust doth linger, and gone down,
In all the ripeness of declining years,
To this most sacred city of the dead.
No granite obelisk, but the blooming flower
Reveals thy couch, fit emblem of the frail
And the immortal."

Thus friend after friend departs, cut down by the remorseless hand of the dark winged messenger, Death; scarce had we recovered from the effects of the painful tidings wafted to us from the East, of the loss of the beloved and honored Ellison, ere the electric spark from the far West, conveyed to us the sad intelligence of the fall of the cultured and gallant Porter, and now following rapidly in their pathway, we are called upon to announce to you, from the midland States, the taking off of our noble Stuart. Truly if we are wise, should we not seriously contemplate the solemn admonitions these great afflictions afford.

Frederick D. Stuart, P. G. Sire, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York (of Scottish parentage), July 12, 1814, and died at his residence in Washington City, D. C., about 8 A. M., January 25, 1878, in the 64th year of his age.

In early manhood he settled in Washington City, and made it his permanent home. He was initiated into the Order (in our jurisdiction) as a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 12, October 22, 1844, and elected Noble Grand of that Lodge, April 2, 1846. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of the D. C., July 1, 1846, and was elected Grand Master, November 20, 1848, and a Representative to the G. L. of U. S., November 11, 1850. He was initiated as a member of Mt. Pisgah Encampment (now defunct), August 19, 1845; and at the institution of Ridgely Encampment, No. 5, October 9, 1846, he was selected as its Chief Patriarch; was admitted to the R. W. Grand Encampment, February 6, 1847, elected and installed Grand High Priest, July 31, 1847, and Grand Patriarch, August 10, 1852, and he was again elected a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, August 30, 1850. He was Deputy Grand Sire of this R. W. Grand Body from 1868 to 1870, and Grand Sire from 1870 to 1872. He was also selected in 1867 as a special commissioner to visit, and promote the interest of our Order in Canada East and British North America, thus rendering a continuous service as Representative to this Grand Body of sixteen years, excepting only a brief interval, owing to his necessary absence from the country on official public duty. As a Representative upon this floor, and as the Executive of this body, he was ever active, courteous, vigilant, and faithful, and his memory requires no eulogy from me. Your records bear indisputable evidence of his sterling worth, as a man, and his unsurpassable zeal in Odd Fellowship.

Bro. Stuart was educated as a civil engineer, and enjoyed a good reputation as a draughtsman and as an architect, and was also well versed in astronomy. He entered the U. S. Navy as private secretary to Admiral Wilkes, when he, in the years 1839 and 1841, explored a large portion of the Antarctic continent, before unknown. He acted in the same capacity to Admiral Wilkes for several years after the return of the expedition to the United States. In the year 1853 he went with Captain Ringold's exploring expedition to Behring's Straits, as hydrographer. During the late war he experienced considerable active service. In July, 1862, he was acting master in the West India Squadron, under Admiral Wilkes. In August, 1863, as commander of the U. S. Steamer Calypso, he captured, off the coast of North

Carolina, the steamer Lady Sterling, one of the most valuable prizes of the war. He was promoted to acting volunteer Lieutenant in 1864, and placed in command of the Wasp, and in July of that year he was ordered to the Washington Navy Yard, where he remained until October, and in February, 1866, he was honorably discharged the service.

Bro. STUART was a steadfast friend of popular education, and frequently served as trustee of the public schools, and was universally beloved by pupils and teachers. In June, 1875, Bro. Stuart was appointed one of the board of managers of the National Washington Monument Society, and a part of his most valuable service in this connection, after the Board of U. S. Engineers had examined and reported officially that one of the corners of the structure had settled, was in making it apparent to the board, and to the public, after his personal examination and measurement, that the engineer was in error, and had taken the wrong bench-mark, which, in fact, proved to be correct.

It was my sad privilege, as one of his humble but most devoted friends, to have been much with him during his last sickness and suffering, and to witness the manifestations by him, to an unusual degree, of that gentle spirit of resignation and fortitude.

He was visited, a few hours before his death, by his spiritual adviser, and an old personal friend, the Rev. A. H. AMES. He was evidently sinking from exhaustion and pain, but he thanked him for his coming. After prayer, to which he responded audibly, his visitor said to him: "I trust it is all peaceful and calm with you?" He replied, clasping the visitor's hands in his, "IT IS ALL WELL, and I am only gathering up my energies to submit myself into the hands of my Maker." And it was so. There was a hovering of celestial wings around his lowly couch, a solemn sound of stricken harps, such as around God's throne "make music night and day." He might not tell of that music, for his lips were sealed, and his eyes closed. And so *we* say he *died*. But all the glorious company of Heaven do say "*he lives*," and that our brief farewell, uttered in tears, was but the prelude tone of the full welcome of eternity.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It becomes my sad and painful task to announce to you the death of a Past Grand Representative from the jurisdiction of Florida. I allude to Bro. SAMUEL QUAILE, who represented the Grand Lodge of that State in this body in 1875, filling an unexpired term. Bro. QUAILE was born in Ireland, but came to Florida quite young, and soon after his years would allow him he became a member of Leon Lodge, No. 5, at Tallahassee, where he remained until his death, which occurred early this spring. He had filled every position in his Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and for many years was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Florida; all of which offices he filled with great credit to himself and perfect satisfaction to his brethren. I am proud in stating that he was in an eminent degree characterized by a lofty devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship. We cherish his memory with satisfaction and delight.

Prompt, punctual, honest, and agreeable, ready and willing at all times to perform every duty incumbent on him; kind, indulgent, and loving, as brother, husband, and father; upright and zealous to promote the growth of our beloved Order; possessing a generous soul and a sympathetic heart, few brothers have passed onward and upward to a higher life whose loss their immediate friends more keenly felt, or more deeply deplored than is that of our worthy brother SAMUEL QUAILE. Well may we say,

"Though now entombed his mortal frame may lie,
That which so endeared him, that can never die."

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—To some this "in memoriam" hour may hang heavily. To none, I trust, may it seem a waste of time. 'Tis one of the eclipses in our history, as when some rayless orb, flitting across the horizon of its brightness, buries us in the abyss of its gloom.

These brilliant lights, that stud the firmament of Odd Fellowship, are not put out. They are but hid for a moment behind the gloomy shadow of death, only to reappear in immortal beauty and brightness, and shine forever.

'Tis meet that we should pause for a moment in our deliberations, sit in silence beneath the shadow of this passing cloud of sorrow; and gaze reverentially as they reappear in baptized splendor from their brief eclipse.

Since our last assembling, several of our distinguished and loved ones have departed. Their voices are hushed. Their chairs are vacant. The charm of their eloquence shall no more be heard upon those lofty themes that engaged their earnest thought. But though the moving lip, the flashing eye, the manly form shall no more present that picture of beauty, oftimes rising to sublimity, of which many of us have been witnesses, memory caught with phonographic accuracy upon its vibratory disk, the soundwaves of their eloquence, whose welcome echoes break responsive in our hearts to-day.

Long may they live in our memory, and their bright example be unto us beacon-lights to guide our deliberations. In the sharp conflicts of opinion, in that furnace heat of debate, which earnest free thought must necessarily evoke, may their hallowed memories hush every unkind word, subdue every discordant thought, and span the fiercest storm of controversy with the rainbow promise of peace and love.

Sitting at the feet of their great shadows, let us treasure the legacy they have bequeathed as a sacred trust, and transmit it to those who shall follow us, not alone untarnished, but beautified, adorned, and enriched by our added self-sacrifice.

He whose decease I arise to announce, and of whom I am more especially to speak, was perhaps to this Grand Lodge, as now constituted, one of the least known of these distinguished dead. His, in large measure, was the modest, unobtrusive worth of the quiet toiler. Like the coral of the sea, he builded in the profoundest depths, lifting to the surface the island, the continent, upon which others have entered and reaped the harvest.

To know his worth required to be his companion, his intimate, personal friend, for he made no parade of his greatness. Yet so normal was it in his nature, so a very part of his inner being, that he could be nowhere, and act in no sphere, but it would crop out all along the pathway of his toil. Thus and thus only has P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. SMITH monumented his memory in the history of Odd Fellowship.

Bro. WM. L. G. SMITH was born in the State of Vermont, March 16, 1813, and deceased at Buffalo, New York, January 31, 1878, being at the time of his decease not quite 65 years of age. At an early age he left his native State and came to New York, the then West, studied law in the office of Selden & Jewett, in Monroe County, and was admitted to practice soon after. In 1837, and while yet a young man, he removed to Buffalo, where he retained his residence to his death.

Endowed with fine forensic ability, he soon took a prominent position at the bar, and by his genial spirit and pleasing address, won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Enterprising and public spirited, he took an active part in the municipal affairs of the city and public affairs of the country, and was called to some of its most responsible offices, the duties of which he discharged with marked ability and fidelity.

Nor was he long left to adorn only the councils of his adopted city. The fame of his marked ability and sterling worth spread until it reached the Chief Executive of the nation. In 1847 he was appointed by President POLK Consul and Diplomat to China. In this new and responsible position, Bro. SMITH showed himself equal to every emergency. His ability shone here with increased splendor, calling forth the highest encomiums from those whose interests he had in charge. Well has it been said by another, "Not a spot or blemish mars the bright page of his official life."

But not alone at the bar and in responsible official position was Bro. SMITH distinguished. A gentleman of high culture and refined literary tastes, a ripe scholar and finished writer, he is the author of several works of no ordinary merit. His "Life and Times of LEWIS CASS" gave him a national, literary, and political reputation. On his return from China, he embodied his acquaintance with, and knowledge of their people, in a work of marked ability, entitled, "China and the Chinese," and at the time of his decease was preparing for publication another work more extensive than any in which he had previously been engaged. This must now remain a broken column in the record of his genius.

Thus has Bro. SMITH, following only the natural promptings of his noble and gifted nature, interwoven his life with that of the nation, and monumented his greatness in her history. The annals of our country, by whomsoever chronicled, will be incomplete without the name of WM. L. G. SMITH to adorn their pages.

But it was in the councils of our Order that the character of our deceased brother shone most conspicuously. Here his genial nature, his goodness of heart, had free play, and revealed the genuine man and brother. Though at times reticent when plunged in deep thought, as was often his wont, yet when the thought was mastered and the spell broken, that warm social nature, which was as a fountain within him, would come bubbling up and flow forth in sparkling streamlets, scattering freshness, verdure, and beauty, and diffusing joy and happiness to all around.

At the time of his decease, Bro. SMITH had been an Odd Fellow almost 40 years. Few have left a more flattering record of the good accomplished by his public addresses in expression of the principles of Odd Fellowship. He shrank from no duty or sacrifice that gave promise of prosperity or expansion to the Order. He was one of the few who, in its early history, before railrcad travel was established, volunteered to go by stage from Buffalo to New York city, a distance of 450 miles, to bring the Encampment work, that the Order in Buffalo might reap the benefit of its higher ritualism. More than thirty years ago he was elected Grand Master of the jurisdiction of New York, which position he filled with honor to himself and great profit to the fraternity. His was indeed a brilliant administration, and gave a fresh impetus to the Order throughout the State. Six years later he was chosen to represent that jurisdiction in the G. L. of U. S. On the floor of this Grand Body he was no less active in the furtherance of every measure calculated to give broader scope and play to the grand tenets of our brotherhood. It was while such Grand Representative, and during his first term of service, that he introduced and advocated to a successful issue the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into the propriety of instituting appropriate degrees, as follows: One for the wives and daughters of age of Scarlet Degree members; also one for the wives and daughters of Past Officers."

This was the initial step taken in this direction by this Grand Body, and which very soon thereafter crystallized into the sublime degree of "The Daughters of Rebekah," a degree that now numbers its tens of thousands of noble women, loyal and true to the exalted teachings of our Order.

Thus though that degree was the product of the genius of another, to Bro. SMITH belongs the credit and to the jurisdiction of New York the honor of having originated and successfully pressed upon the attention of this Grand Lodge the adoption of so wise and beneficent a measure.

Esteemed and respected while living, Bro. SMITH is honored and revered now dead. Long will the memory of his good and noble deeds linger in the jurisdiction of New York. Bright and glorious like the undimmed sun, not a cloud floats in the firmament of his greatness, to cast its shadow over the broad landscape of his earth-toil.

Bro. SMITH has passed away. We pause at his bier to drop the fraternal tear of sympathy and sorrow; but not for him alone. We remember the other distinguished dead—a STUART, a PORTER, a LIVERMORE, a MILLARD, a PRUDEN, a FRITZ, a SHACKELFORD, a BRYSON, a MILTON, a STEDMAN, a QUAILE, and others—who within a twelvemonth have passed from the land of shadows and sorrow to the land of sunshine and joy.

Let us cherish their memory—follow their example—tread the radiant pathway of their virtues, as in ascending brightness it leads us safely over the valley of shadows to "that land beyond the river."

Rep. ZIMMERER, of Nebraska, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It becomes my sad duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the decease of its former member from Nebraska, Bro. ST. JOHN GOODRICH, who died at his residence in the city of Omaha on the 16th day of January, 1878. Bro. GOODRICH was born in Delaware County, State of New York, and was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death.

He became an Odd Fellow by initiation in Warren Lodge, No. 339, Pennsylvania, as one of the first members after its institution, February 27, 1849. He removed to Omaha as early as 1857, and at once connected himself with Omaha Lodge, No. 2, and soon became an active member. Bro. GOODRICH had creditably filled all the stations in the Subordinate Lodge; was elected to represent his jurisdiction in 1870 in the Grand Lodge of the United States; elected Grand Master in 1873, which station he filled with credit and honor to himself and benefit to the Order. He was appointed D. D. G. Sire, and instituted the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, in 1874. Bro. GOODRICH was one of those generous, good hearted, and public spirited men who would always do the right thing. He was again appointed to represent our jurisdiction in 1877. Although in ill health he responded promptly and attended our last year's session in this hall.

Bro. GOODRICH was a man of rare ability, genial tempered and warm hearted, his hand was always open to a brother in need or want. His place will be hard to fill in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, but he will be long remembered by all who knew him. In the obligation he had taken as an Odd Fellow he never faltered. He has filled positions outside of the Order in accordance with the teachings of our benevolent and exalted principles, and lived a useful and good life.

To show how devoted and attached he was to our institution, although he belonged to other societies, it may be mentioned that only the Odd Fellows were permitted to conduct the burial ceremonies, *no one else!* was his especial request. The Order in Omaha performed this duty, and in the last struggle of his life he received all possible care and kindness from the numerous brotherhood of Omaha.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—Since the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of Massachusetts has been called to mourn the loss of an honored member of our Order.

JONATHAN LIVERMORE, Past Grand Representative, died at his home in Boston on the 13th of April, 1878, aged sixty-one years.

Bro. LIVERMORE had been a member of our Order thirty-three years. He was admitted to the Grand Encampment in 1866; elected Grand Patriarch in 1874, and represented the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts in this Grand Lodge at the sessions of 1875 and 1876. That he was honored and esteemed by his brethren is clearly shown by the many positions of trust bestowed upon him. By his death we have lost a true and faithful Odd Fellow, a useful citizen, and an honest man.

Rep. STICKNEY, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—Death, the "unerring shaft," has struck down "a shining mark." JOSEPH STEPHENS JONES, Past Grand Representative, was born in Boston, September 28, 1809. He received his education in the public schools of his native city, and quite early manifested a talent for the writing and acting of plays, in both of which departments of art he acquired excellence as life matured. While thus engaged, he found time to apply himself assiduously to the study of medicine and surgery, in which he became proficient, and for the practice of which he subsequently abandoned the stage.

His connection with the Order began with his initiation in Suffolk Lodge, September 20, 1842. He served two full terms as Noble Grand and Vice Grand of the Lodge, in 1849 and 1854. In 1863 he was elected and installed Grand Master, and in 1864 and 1865 he represented in this Grand Body the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. He was ever active in every good work connected with our Order.

Past Grand Representative JONES was a man of more than ordinary abilities and great strength of character. Socially he was of a kind and generous nature, often giving the poor his professional services without profit or hope of reward. He was cordial and warm-hearted to an extreme, and conveyed by the light of his eye and clasp of his hand, assurance of friendly regard which the many who enjoyed his acquaintance will not readily forget. Bro. JONES had been in ill health for a considerable period; and an attack of pneumonia, coupled with grief for the loss of a beloved daughter, whose death preceded his own by the brief space of forty-eight hours, brought to a close his busy life, on Saturday, December 29, 1877. On the first day of the year, a day so generally devoted to cheerful congratulation, the remains of our beloved brother were deposited in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. His funeral was largely attended by mourning friends, gathered from the two professions of which he was an honored member at different periods of his life—the two brotherhoods, the Masonic and our own—to which he was most tenderly attached, and the citizens of his native city. And so was laid to rest one who, in all the relations of life, had borne himself as "a man among men," fairly earning and receiving the generous plaudits of his fellows, for his good deeds and estimable qualities, as we cannot doubt he also has of his beneficent Creator.

Rep. NUTT, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It is my sad duty to announce the death of Dr. JOHN H. PHILLIPS, Past Grand Representative from the jurisdiction of New Jersey, who died on the first day of March, 1878.

Bro. PHILLIPS was admitted as a member of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Febuary 5, 1846; elected Deputy Grand Master, August 5, 1847; Grand Secretary, August 3, 1848, serving in this office for a period of fifteen years, retiring by resignation at the November session of 1863, to enter upon duties in the Army of the Cumberland as Assistant Surgeon.

He was admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, as P. H. P., August 9, 1849, and the same session was made Grand Senior Warden, and was elected Grand Patriarch, August 11, 1853.

He also represented the Grand Encampment of New Jersey in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1859 and 1860.

He was a graduate of Pennsylvania University, and adopted medicine as his profession, which he practised about thirty years.

The true Odd Fellow, kind father, and friend has passed away; let us, therefore, drop a tear to his memory.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—On the first day of August, 1878, died SAMUEL WARD BOND, a Representative to this R. W. Body from the R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey, in 1848. Bro. BOND descended from families who were largely connected with the settlement of Newark, N. J., in 1666 and 7, and inherited many of their traits of character.

During his minority, he was engaged as an assistant teacher in a large academy in his native town, Caldwell, N. J., winning the respect of his superiors and the good will of his pupils. Though modest and retiring in his manner, he received the life-long respect and love of all who knew him. While clinging tenaciously to his own opinions upon all the topics of the day, he studiously avoided any attempt toward forcing them upon others.

In his business career he ever maintained the character of an exceptionally honest man.

His career as an Odd Fellow commenced in 1841, when he was initiated in Covenant Lodge, No. 35, in New York city. Other citizens of Newark, to the number of 21, also were initiated subsequently in the same city, and drew their cards with the intention of forming a Lodge of our Order in Newark. At this time Odd Fellowship was comparatively unknown. A vague distrust of all secret societies pervaded the community, and the pecuniary embarrassment of the people attendant upon the collapse of business in 1837 had not been removed.

The brother, however, determined to proceed in defiance of these obstacles, and Howard Lodge, No. 7, was instituted by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on October 4, 1841.

Bro. BOND assisted the enterprise in every form which seemed to be adapted to the desired object. Although a Charter member of the Lodge, he was not an elective officer until December following (1841), when he was elected Secretary, becoming Vice Grand in June, and Noble Grand, September, 1842, and entering the Grand Lodge in February, 1843. The records of Howard Lodge show that our brother was unceasingly engaged in advancing the interest of the Order. Rarely missing a regular meeting of the Lodge, unless prevented by sickness, he was looked upon by his fellow-members as a model worthy of their emulation.

Bro. BOND was admitted to Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 3, by initiation, on March 18, 1846, and withdrew therefrom on September 2d of the same year for the purpose of assisting in the formation of Washington Encampment, No. 13, of which he became its first High Priest. He was admitted to the Grand Encampment of New Jersey in February, 1847, and was elected its R. W. Grand Representative in 1848, and attended the session of this R. W. Body in September of that year.

Subsequently Bro. BOND became a member of Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 3, retaining his membership therein until his death.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, rose in his place, and announced the death of Past Grand Representative THOMAS

SHACKELFORD, Past Grand Representative N. G. BRYSON, and Past Grand Representative JOHN L. MILTON, all of the jurisdiction of Mississippi.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—In obedience to an honored custom it becomes my sad duty to announce to you that another true Odd Fellow has fallen.

Having fulfilled his mission here, PETER FRITZ, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and P. G. Representative in this Grand Lodge, departed this life at his residence in the city of Philadelphia on the evening of the 8th day of August last, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. As a sheaf fully ripe he has been gathered by the reaper whose keen-edged sickle will sooner or later be lifted against each one of us, none may escape. How many of us who remain can hope to reach such a venerable age and to achieve so many noble, manly deeds as he?

Bro. PETER FRITZ was born on the 15th day of February, 1802. He was the architect of his own fame and fortune, having made his way in life by self-exertion, thereby illustrating the glorious equality with which our institutions freely offer their rewards to all who justly and honorably seek them.

He was initiated a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 18, on the 26th day of July, 1833, when our Order was in comparative infancy; with increasing years his interest in the Order increased. He passed the chairs in his Lodge, and was admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge of Pa., Dec. 28, 1846, and became an active and influential member. He took his seat as a member of this body, September, 1848, and with distinguished ability represented the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1848, 1849, and 1850. During the session of 1848 he served on the Committee on the State of the Order, and in the Proceedings of that session we find his name attached to no less than forty (40) reports from that committee, embracing as many different subjects, thereby assisting to give by judicious laws, progressive character and wider scope to the government and development of Odd Fellowship. He was firm and decided in his convictions of duty, and as a member of this Grand Lodge he spoke and acted as to him seemed for the welfare of the whole Order. Yet he did not forget that he was sent to represent a constituency. He believed in the right of State Grand Bodies to instruct their Representatives, and acted in obedience to that conviction whilst he held a seat on this floor. Bro. FRITZ was known among Odd Fellows as honest, industrious, bold, and enterprising, ever ready to assist his fellows, and earnest in his devotion to the principles of our brotherhood. He was imbued with patriotic spirit, and throughout a long and useful life he sought ever to promote the public weal.

He was a member of Siloam Encampment, No. 17, and also a member of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

He was installed Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, July 18, 1850; and Deputy Grand Master, July 16, 1851; and entered upon his duties as Grand Master, May 19, 1852. Faithful in the discharge of his duties, he had the satisfaction of seeing the Order increase and prosper under his administration. After he had served the Order in Pennsylvania as Grand Master, he continued up to the time of his death to represent his Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Lodge of that State, and he served as a member of the Committee on the State of the Order, continuously, from 1873 to 1878. He also represented his Lodge in the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery Company, and was the Vice President of that corporation at the time of his decease. Truly "no man liveth and no man *dieth* unto himself." No less in the death than in the life of every man is a lesson taught,

and the deeds of the departed are invested with an awful dignity, and speak to us in weighty admonition.

Our brother's time had fully come. The three score years and ten, marking the ordinary period of human life, had been passed, and he was reaching forward to four score years, when full of honors he passed away.

His voice is silent on the earth forever, but his services to Odd Fellowship, and to his country will live in memory as an example to stimulate, and to encourage others in the path of devotion to humanity, and to the institutions under which we live.

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou, no more care or sorrow know."

Our faith bids us hope that his rest is that of the just, and that he shall awaken among those that shall be called worthy to enter the realms of eternal rest and peace.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It is with heartfelt sorrow and sadness that I announce to this Grand Lodge the loss of one of its honored Past Grand Representatives from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, WILLIAM STEDMAN, P. G. M., late a member of this Grand Body.

Bro. STEDMAN, though he had been complaining of ill health for some time, was not considered seriously so, and on the evening before his death met the visiting committee of his Lodge and his physician in his parlor, when the committee was instructed by his physician to report to the Lodge that there was quite an improvement in his condition.

The following day he was taken with a severe cough, and requested that the windows be raised that he might have air. This was done, and after the cough ceased he laid himself upon a bed in the room, and, to the appearance of his family, who were all present, he was enjoying a peaceful slumber. After he had been quietly lying upon the bed for some time, one of his family approached the bed and found Bro. STEDMAN was dead—"his spirit had returned to God who gave it." Thus in the midst of those he loved, he quietly and peacefully passed away.

Bro. STEDMAN was born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1807, and died January 4, 1878, in the 71st year of his age.

On the 7th of August, 1845, he was initiated in Oriental Lodge, No. 113, located in the city of Philadelphia, and at once took an active part in the Order. He passed the chairs in 1853, and in 1857 was elected Representative from his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which position he filled for thirteen years, and until he was elected Grand Warden. In 1869, much against his own inclination, he was prevailed upon to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, and in the spring of 1870, he was, by a very large vote, elected to that position. In 1871 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1872 Grand Master, both times unanimously. The office of Grand Master was most ably filled by him, and he left the position with the plaudit "well done, thou good and faithful servant." In 1874 he was prevailed upon by numerous friends to permit the use of his name as a candidate for Grand Representative to the G. L. of U. S., and in the spring of 1875 he was elected to that position, and attended the sessions of this Grand Body at Indianapolis and Philadelphia, and by his courteous and gentlemanly bearing made many friends.

Bro. STEDMAN was one of the projectors of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery of Philadelphia, and was a member of the board of directors from 1850 to the time of his death. He was also interested in other organizations connected

with our Order, and there are but few who have given more of their time and services for its welfare than he.

Early in life he became a member of the Baptist church, and was ordained a minister of the gospel; but, although preferring to lead an active business life to that of a clergyman, he nevertheless filled many pulpits temporarily.

For a number of years he was one of the managers of the Southwark Soup Society, and during the winter months gave of his means and his time for the relief of the poor of his neighborhood, and few at any time called upon him for assistance and were refused.

For nine years he was an efficient member of the School Board of the 3d Section, Philadelphia, and performed his duty with strict fidelity; in fact it may truthfully be said of him that in all the positions of life he was called upon to fill, "he clothed the character with noble grandeur, and gave to it a majesty that rendered him worthy of eulogy;" and "his life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, '*This was a man!*'"

Rep. DYER, of Maine, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It is made my duty to announce that another of the pioneers in the history of Odd Fellowship in Maine has passed away. Bro. ALLEN HAINES, Past Grand Representative, died in Pittsburgh, Penn., January 15, 1878, aged seventy-one years.

He connected himself with the Order shortly after its institution, and became a member of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1845. He was one of the Charter members of the Grand Encampment instituted in 1845; Grand Patriarch in 1846, and Grand Master in 1849.

In the latter year he was elected Grand Representative by the Grand Lodge of Maine to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and served in that capacity one term.

These statistical facts, though they express the confidence and regard of his brethren, fail to convey any adequate conception of his services to the Order. He was faithful, not only in official position, but in the more retired work of his Subordinate Lodge.

He was not satisfied to do all his work in the glare of public observation, but by steady attendance at the meetings of his Lodge, and active co-operation with his brother members, he made himself felt by his daily and weekly labors; and when age and infirmity prevented his personal presence, his interest in and love of the Order were manifested to the end of his life, and he had at last the proud satisfaction of seeing the Order he loved so much, and had worked for so earnestly, established upon a strong and immovable foundation.

Rep. DRIGGS, of Connecticut, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—Once more our jurisdiction is called to mourn the death of one of her valued men, and by reason of his connection with this Grand Lodge we must here record the fact.

SAMUEL LYNES, M. D., of the city of Norwalk, Connecticut, died on the 29th day of July, 1878. He represented the Grand Lodge of our jurisdiction in this Grand Lodge at the sessions of 1852 and 1853. He was a modest, unassuming, Christian gentleman, eminent in his profession and universally respected. Attesting his many virtues, his funeral was largely attended by the physicians of the county, the members of his church, the Masonic fraternity, and the Odd Fellows, including the Grand Officers of the State, all desirous to pay him the last honors the living can perform for the dead. His

was a pure life, exemplifying the precepts of our Order, and worthy of imitation by all Odd Fellows. As these old landmarks, one by one, pass away, we are forcibly reminded of the great future lying before us, that we too shall be numbered among the great company beyond the river, and that some brother *may soon* be writing of the good that we have done and the character that we have borne, to place it upon these records, which now tell the final story of so many that have gone before. How important, that we furnish by our lives and characters the material for such a record, as shall in no wise dim the lustre of our beloved Order, as did he, whose obituary notice we now offer to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—Missouri has been called to add to the roll of honored dead of the last year the name of one illustrious in its annals.

P. G. M. and P. G. Representative HENRY HOLMES has quit these mortal scenes after a long life of usefulness and devotion to Odd Fellowship, and though dead, yet he speaketh, in his example, in his incorruptible integrity, and his good works for humanity. Our brother was initiated in the first Lodge west of the Mississippi, at St. Louis, in 1845. In that Lodge he remained an active member for 23 years, until removing to Carthage, in 1868, he was instrumental in organizing a Lodge of our Order at that place, and there he died on the 4th day of July, 1878, in the 67th year of his age. He was admitted as a member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, January 21, 1847, and for many years was a Representative on its floor from Travelers' Rest Lodge, No. 1. At the same session he was elected Grand Chaplain, and in July of that year was elected Grand Representative, and was again elected to the same position in 1848, and attended the sessions of the G. L. of U. S. for those years. In 1848 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of Missouri, and in 1849 Grand Master, serving in both those offices with great ability.

Thus has passed away one of the most laborious, learned, and zealous Odd Fellows, whom his brethren in Missouri highly esteemed and delighted to honor, as a brother, a friend, and a good man in all the walks of life. His memory to us is precious, and his virtues remain a legacy to his surviving colaborers in the cause to which he gave the strength and power of his manhood.

Rep. HASKINS, of New York, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—It becomes my official duty to announce in this body that Bro. ROYAL G. MILLARD, P. G. Patriarch and P. G. Representative, departed this life at Green's Farms, Connecticut, on the 15th day of November, 1877.

Bro. MILLARD was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, on the 20th of May, 1817. He remained with his parents until the month of October, 1835, when he left the home of his childhood for the city of New York, where he entered a mercantile house as clerk, and remained until a favorable opportunity offered to embark in business on his own account, from which he retired a few years since with sufficient means to support him comfortably.

Our deceased brother became a member of the Order by initiation in Covenant Lodge, No. 35, on the 16th of June, 1841, where he retained his membership for a short period, when he obtained a card of withdrawal and joined with a number of brothers in an application for a Charter to form Empire Lodge, No. 64, which Lodge was instituted on the 17th of February, 1842. After passing through the principal chairs, Bro. MILLARD was elected to the

office of Treasurer, in which position he was retained for twenty-eight consecutive years.

In November, 1843, Bro. MILLARD was admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge of New York, and served on several committees. At the session of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, held in August, 1852, he was elected to the office of Grand Warden, which position he filled to the end of his term. After retiring from official duties, Bro. Millard was identified with all matters of interest that arose in that R. W. Grand Body, and was regular in his attendance. When the two jurisdictions in our State united under one Grand Lodge in August, 1866, he was selected as chairman of the Finance Committee, and was re-appointed to fill that important position for nine successive years.

Bro. MILLARD, soon after entering the Subordinate Lodge, became a member of the Encampment branch of our Order by joining Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 3, on the 2d of November, 1841. Here he passed through the gradations of office until he earned the honors of P. C. P. On the 18th of April, 1845, he withdrew from the Encampment and united with a sufficient number of Patriarchs to receive a Charter for Lebanon Encampment, then No. 19. This Encampment was instituted on the 9th of May, 1845. Here we once more find him permanently established in one of the important offices of our Encampment, by his being elected their Financial Scribe, on the 2d of June, 1852, and was re-elected to that office each year until July, 1877.

Bro. MILLARD was admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment of New York at the session held in August, 1844, as a P. H. P. Soon after his admission we find him actively engaged in the discharge of every duty to which he was assigned. At the session of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, held in August, 1853, he was elected to the office of Grand Patriarch, which position he ably and conscientiously filled, retiring with the honor of having performed the duties of that office with impartiality, promptness, and decision. A few years later, when the union of the two jurisdictions—Northern and Southern New York—was consummated, in the month of August, 1866, Bro. MILLARD was one of the two Grand Representatives elected by that united Grand Encampment to represent New York in this R. W. Grand Body for the term of two years.

This brief allusion to the services so faithfully performed by our deceased brother for over thirty years barely does justice to his memory.

It was in the fall of 1876 that Bro. MILLARD was overtaken by an attack of paralysis from which he partially recovered. In March, 1877, he had a second attack far more severe in its character, which confined him to his rooms for several weeks and caused him to realize the true condition of his health, and to seek a change of air, which necessitated a return to those from whom he would receive such attentions and care as he was likely to need. It was also apparent to him that his labors were ended, and he became aware that it was necessary to relinquish all official positions of a public and private character; which was done as soon as he was able to leave his city home; and in the month of May he bade farewell to friends, brothers, and associates, all feeling in the fulness of their hearts that it was the last meeting they should have with him, whom they had held close and intimate relations with for so many years.

Bro. MILLARD had never married; the Orders to which he was attached and his church were his sole companions. He has left us never to return. As an Odd Fellow, his acts and their approval are entered in the journals of proceedings of the Grand Bodies in our jurisdiction. Among his brethren he was held in high esteem; as a friend and adviser he was always reliable; as a citizen he commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. An earnest and devout Christian, he was always in attendance on all duties appertaining to the church of which he was a member, leaving to them a substantial testimony as a token of the regard he held for a future life, seeking that reward we all hope to attain.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—While Kentucky entertains the most intense sentiments of grief on account of the losses, by death, sustained by other jurisdictions of the Order, its own brotherhood has been called upon to weep over the grave of one of its most zealous and faithful colaborers. Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch J. D. TRAPP died in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 22d day of November, 1877. He was born in Showan, Kanton Dahn, Rhein-Bavaria, Germany, on the 9th of April, 1838, and came to the United States in 1840. On arriving at the proper age he was initiated into Odd Fellowship, and rapidly, thereafter, served in many official positions in the Order. In all of them he discharged the duties with great credit to himself, and honor to the institution. His efforts were appreciated, and his brethren gave evidence of their commendation by promotion. After having served in the two highest positions of the State, he was elected twice to serve in the Grand Lodge of the United States as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The proceedings of this, the great head of the Order, evidence the sound discretion that marked his career as a legislator. The proceedings of his Lodge and Encampment show with what unceasing zeal he discharged his duties as an Odd Fellow at home. As a citizen he was enterprising and useful. At an early age death claimed him, and we lost our brother. We honor his memory, and hope that his spirit is in the realization of the fullest glory.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I wish to announce the death of one, who, but few members of this Grand Lodge now present remember, but those of us who knew him best, and saw him in his devotion to the Order, would ask to offer this tribute to his memory.

JOHN D. DANBURY, a member of this Grand Body at the session of 1850, is no more. Death, the great leveler of distinctions, hath encompassed his body in his icy arms, and he now sleeps covered by the sods of the valley. He died March 31, 1877. As an Odd Fellow he was earnest, devoted, true. Benevolence and charity to his fellow-man were truly his characteristics. Appreciated by the brotherhood in Tennessee, he was elected successively Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and to the day of his death was an active and efficient member of the Order.

The memorial addresses being concluded,

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Representative DANN, of California, and Representative HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary a copy of their beautiful tributes to the memory of our lamented brother, the late NATHAN PORTER, Grand Representative, in order that the same may be printed in the Journal of this Grand Body.

On motion of Rep. BOYD, of California, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH .....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved that the Journal of yesterday, page 7729, be corrected by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, "affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended," and insert in lieu thereof, "negative, three-fourths of the members present not having voted for the same; Reps. HASKINS, of New York, DAVIS and DOUGLASS, of Maine, being present and not voting."

Which was not agreed to.

Rep. DYER, of Maine, submitted the following:

Rep. DYER asks to correct yesterday's record, in the yea and nay vote on page 7729, on the change of the name of this Grand Lodge. When my name was called I voted "nay," and ask that my name be so recorded and the mistake corrected.

The Chair stated the question to be on granting the request of the Representative from Maine, and the motion was resolved in the negative.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, stated that in voting yesterday on the proposed amendment of Art. I., Sec. 1, of the Con-

stitution, as recorded on page 7729 of the Journal, he voted for himself only, and not for his colleague, as in his former votes, and asked that the Journal be so corrected.

The question on granting the request of the Representative from Michigan was resolved in the negative.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the minutes of yesterday, as printed, be approved.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to correct the record of yesterday's proceedings in the vote on the amendment changing the name of this Grand Lodge, because Rep. WOODRUFF voted for his colleague, GLENN, who was not present in the city, and not present at this session of the Grand Lodge when the vote was taken.

The Grand Sire decided that Rep. WOODRUFF had the right to cast two votes under the circumstances.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, that the minutes of yesterday, as printed, be approved, it was adopted, seventy-three voting in the affirmative and forty-eight in the negative.

The Chair presented the certificate of JAMES H. DECKER, P. G. M. and P. G. R, appointed as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in place of R. G. BUCKINGHAM, resigned, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented a statement received from F. S. OSTHEIM, D. D. G. Sire, exhibiting the amount of expenses incurred by him in discharging the duties of his office, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. MUNSON, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would report that JAMES H. DECKER, P. G. M. and P. G. R., of Colorado, has been appointed a Representative to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, to serve one year, *vice* R. G. BUCKINGHAM, resigned, and is duly accredited and entitled to a seat in this Grand Body, as shown by his certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

L. I. MUNSON, J. A. HAYNIE, WM. N. NUTT,
STEPHEN K. DYER, O. W. OVIATT.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved to reconsider the vote just had, approving the minutes of yesterday, as printed, which was not agreed to.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, called for the special order fixed for 11 o'clock this day, as designated on page 7711 of the Journal.

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of hearing the remarks of Bro. J. M. HARLEY, P. G., of Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory.

The Grand Sire called Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, to the chair.

The committee rose and, through the chairman, reported that they had attended to the duty, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, on Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, in place of Rep. HAMMA, who is absent; also, the appointment of Rep. GRAHAM, of the Lower Provinces, on the same committee.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, asked that he be relieved from service on Appeal Committee, No. 1, and that Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, who is now present, be restored to that committee.

The Chair declined to excuse Rep. MCKINNEY, and announced that Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, would remain on the committee.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, on Appeal Committee, No. 2, in place of Rep. BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado.

The Chair presented the following, which was received with the thanks of the Lodge:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Messrs. Chas. C. Fulton & Son, Proprietors of the Baltimore American, cordially invite the presence of yourselves and ladies to witness the printing of their Western edition, on their mammoth press, September 20th, between the hours of 12 M. and 6 P. M.

The Grand Sire submitted the following telegram:

SALEM, OREGON, September 17, 1878.

To JOHN W. STOKES, *Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore*

Olive Lodge sends fifty dollars for suffering brethren in the South.

A. L. STINSON.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

We think the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire in respect to the translation of passwords, &c., found on page 7532, is a correct exposition of the law on these subjects. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire be and the same is hereby approved. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, M. P. LINDSLEY, A. B. CRANE,
C. M. BUSBEE, JOHN N. GALE, JOSHUA J. WALTON,
JOHN CHARLTON, WM. R. MCLEAN.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee to whom was referred a resolution of Reps. JONES and LINDSLEY, and one offered by Rep. STEBBINS, in reference to Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree, respectfully report that they deem it unwise to take any action in reference to the subject until the degrees shall be reduced to three, when it might be expedient to adopt the measure. They ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, M. P. LINDSLEY, C. M. BUSBEE,
WM. R. MCLEAN, A. B. CRANE, JOHN N. GALE,
JOHN CHARLTON, JOSHUA J. WALTON.

Rep. GALE, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following question presented by Rep. WALTON of Oregon:

"When the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribes an initiatory regalia for our officers, is it necessary for such officers to be clothed in such initiatory regalia and also be clothed in the working regalia of their office?"

Respectfully beg leave to report that in their opinion it is not necessary to be so clothed in the working regalia of their office during initiation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. GALE, M. P. LINDSLEY, C. M. BUSBEE,
A. B. CRANE, JOHN H. WHITE, JOHN CHARLTON,
JOSHUA J. WALTON.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand

Sire's report to session of 1877, concerning the use of unauthorized charts, maps, &c., by Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, no specific legislation, looking to any supervisory action on the part of this Grand Lodge, is necessary at this time. The use by Lodges of charts, &c., containing figures, emblems, and mottoes not found among the recognized and legitimate symbols of the Order, is so clearly in conflict with our organic law, that your committee are confident that the evil will be remedied by merely calling attention to the fact. Hereafter the use of such charts, &c., will be a *wilful* breach of the law. Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE, JOHN H. WHITE, A. B. CRANE,
JOHN N. GALE, M. P. LINDSLEY, JOHN CHARLTON,
JOSHUA J. WALTON, WM. R. MCLEAN.

Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HOCKIN in reference to issuing duplicate Charters, would respectfully report that they have duly considered the matter, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That all duplicate Charters hereafter issued shall have subscribed thereto the names of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the time of issuing the original Charter, and that a certificate signed by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be attached to the duplicate Charter, setting forth that the same is a duplicate Charter.

2. *Resolved*, That when a duplicate Charter shall be issued as described in the above resolution, it shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as an original Charter. Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA J. WALTON, JOHN H. WHITE, M. P. LINDSLEY,
JOHN N. GALE, A. B. CRANE, C. M. BUSBEE,
JOHN CHARLTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, held at Austin, February 8, 1878, beg leave to report that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Article IV., Section 1, was as follows:

"SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday in February, at 8 o'clock, P. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. Each alternate Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Galveston, which is hereby declared to be the seat of the Order in this State."

It was also provided that no alteration or amendment to the Constitution should be made, unless the proposition to that effect be made in writing, and lie over till the next Annual Session; and must be adopted by a majority of three-fourths of the members present, or by two-thirds of the votes when voting by Lodges.

February, 1877, at the regular Annual Session, held at Galveston, the following was submitted and laid over for one year:

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Texas, be permanently located in the city of Austin." At the next Annual Session, which was held at Austin, the resolution came up in its order, and was unanimously adopted.

The question now arises, did the Grand Lodge of Texas by this action lawfully amend its Constitution, so as to make Austin the permanent seat for its annual meetings?

The language of the article which provides for the amendment is very clear. A proposition "to that effect" must be made at one Annual Session and be passed by a certain vote at the next Annual Session. In our opinion, this has been substantially done. It is true that no reference to the article or section intended to be amended was incorporated in the resolution, but this was not required by the law, as is the case with many similar instruments. The intention of the mover, and of the Grand Lodge itself, is too plain for cavil, and the lack of form does not affect the substance, which is clearly a constitutional change of the place of meeting. We therefore report the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas, by its action on the 8th day of February, 1878, did legally amend its Constitution, so as to make Austin, in that State, its permanent place of meeting in Annual Session.

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, changing the place of its Annual Sessions to Austin as its permanent place of meeting, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,	SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	FRANK G. BEATTY,
W. R. HAZLETT,	M. D. HERRING,	JOHN F. VAN NORT,
A. R. COURTNEY,	JOHN HAM PERRY,	JOHN MORGAN.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following, which has been submitted by the R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, viz.: "*Resolved*, That all Past High Priests who are now members of this R. W. Grand Encampment, or who may become members, or entitled to membership in this Grand Encampment on or before January 1, 1879, be and the same are hereby considered Past Chief Patriarchs, and may assume said title," beg leave to report, that they have duly considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the object contemplated by the resolution is at variance with the settled law of the Order. There is but one method by which a member of an Encampment may become a Chief Patriarch and a Past Chief Patriarch. He must be elected a Chief Patriarch, and perform the allotted duties of the place, before he becomes entitled to the past honors of the office. The theory of such honors is that they are rewards for faithful service in the office to which they are the crown. To declare a Past High Priest a Past Chief Patriarch would strike at the very root of our system, and confer the honors for valuable services upon those who have never been properly called on to perform them, and who, in fact, had never been authorized to do so.

A Chief Patriarch can only be lawfully elected by a Subordinate Encampment, and no Grand Encampment can, under the law, award the honors of Past Chief Patriarch to any but those who have been so elected and in pursuance thereof served out the term of the office. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That no Grand Encampment has the power to declare a Past High Priest a Past Chief Patriarch, unless he has also been duly elected a Chief Patriarch by his Subordinate Encampment and served out his time as such, as provided for by the laws of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, M. D. HERRING, A. R. COURTNEY,
W. R. HAZLETT, FRANK G. BEATTY, JOHN MORGAN,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, JOHN F. VAN NORT, JOHN HAM PERRY.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the extract of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, presented by Rep. BOYD, beg leave to report:

The facts in the case are as follows: A member of a Subordinate Lodge was charged in his Lodge with "fraudulent embezzlement," and with making "false entries in the account books," he being an officer of the Lodge. The brother failed to appear before the Trial Committee to defend himself from said charges, whereupon said committee resolved to report him guilty of contempt to the Lodge, but before being able to do so the brother suddenly died of some disease of the heart. The brother had not been summoned to appear and answer a charge of contempt, no such charge having been preferred against him. Under the laws of the Lodge of which the brother was a member, the penalty was expulsion. The brother left a widow, and at the time of his death was clear of the books, and the By-Laws provide that the widow of a brother who was in good standing at the time of his death shall receive certain monthly benefits, and be entitled also to funeral benefits, and the question for determination is as to whether, under the laws of the Order and the foregoing state of facts, the widow is entitled to said benefits. The only question therefore under consideration and to be determined is as to the right of a member under charges to benefits pending the consideration of the same. Section 321, White's Digest, declares that "the only effect of undecided charges is, to deprive the member of the right to take a Traveling or Visiting Card, and when the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision." In this case the charges did not "bear upon the right to benefits." We would therefore declare that under the law of the Order governing this case the Subordinate Lodge had not "the right to refuse to bury the deceased with funeral honors," and is liable for the payment of such benefits as are provided for in the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, JOHN MORGAN,
W. R. HAZLETT, JOHN F. VAN NORT, HENRY F. GAREY,
FRANK G. BEATTY, J. HAM PERRY.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the following question, submitted by Rep. WHITE, of New York, to wit:

"Is it competent for the Grand Encampment of the State of New York to amend its Constitution and By-Laws so as to elect its Grand Officers by the Representatives present at its Annual Session?"

Have considered the same, and answer said question in the negative. This answer is based upon the rights of Past Officers, as already defined in Section 1573, White's Digest. Respectfully submitted,

M. D. Herring, W. R. Hazlett, John Morgan,
Samuel F. Gwinner, Frank G. Beatty, Alfred R. Courtney,
Henry F. Garey, John F. Van Nort.

Rep. Beatty, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question submitted by Rep. Lucas, of Nevada, to wit:

"Is it the duty of the Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge to notify a brother while under suspension for cause, and for a 'definite time,' that he is in arrears; and is it legal for the Lodge to declare such brother 'ceased membership,' or dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues?"

Respectfully report that under By-Law XXIX. and the construction given to it (Journal, page 5525), the inquiry cannot be entertained and considered by this Grand Lodge; and therefore your committee respectfully ask to be discharged from its consideration. Respectfully submitted,

Frank G. Beatty, Henry F. Garey, A. R. Courtney,
Samuel F. Gwinner, John F. Van Nort, W. R. Hazlett,
M. D. Herring, J. Ham Perry, John Morgan.

Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the following preamble and resolution offered by P. G. Sire Nicholson, to wit:

"Whereas, The Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States recites (see Section 1530a) that the subject-matter was 'a decision of the Grand Sire, approved by the committee but not acted on by the Grand Lodge;' and whereas, the transmission of passwords to former members of defunct Lodges is fraught with danger, and carries with it privileges that should not be accorded; the card issued by a Grand Secretary should be good for deposit only; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That when State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only by the holder as an Ancient Odd Fellow."

And after due consideration are fully of the opinion expressed above, which, we think, covers the case, and consequently unanimously recommend the adoption of said resolution. Respectfully submitted,

John C. Underwood, John U. Perkins, J. W. Stebbins,
Erie J. Leech, Isaac A. Sheppard, O. G. Douglass,
F. P. Dann.

Rep. Dann, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following, offered by Rep. STEBBINS, of New York:

"That the Grand Encampments of the various jurisdictions, within whose territorial limits companies of Uniformed Patriarchs have been or shall be organized, are hereby empowered to organize Subordinate Encampments and issue Charters to them as uniformed, mixed, or ununiformed Encampments, and to prescribe suitable constitutions and laws for their proper government as such."

Would respectfully report, that we can see no necessity for such legislation, and we would deem it inadvisable to provide for the chartering of different grades or styles of Encampments, as thereby uniformity might be destroyed and distinctions created, which might lead to dissension and strife. We therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DANN, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN U. PERKINS,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, O. G. DOUGLASS, S. H. BRADLEY,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, member of the Legislative Committee, begs leave to submit the following minority report, touching the necessity for further legislation by this R. W. Grand Body, for the proper regulation and government of Uniformed Patriarchs:

He regrets that duty to his jurisdiction and this growing body of the Order, imposes upon him the necessity to dissent from the views of the majority of said committee. This Grand Body has wisely provided a style of uniform to be worn on public occasions by the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, one that in the judgment of the undersigned is doing more for that branch of the Order than all others in that direction for years past.

That legislation, however, went no further than to prescribe the uniform to be worn by individual Patriarchs; it made no provision and gave no power to State or Territorial Grand Encampments to make provision for their organization and government as *associations* of Uniformed Patriarchs.

It is impossible for the uniform to be worn with any credit to the wearers unless they organize and drill, so that their movements shall be as beautiful and uniform as their dress.

In the absence of any rules and regulations for their organization and government in such drill by this Grand Body, or power conferred upon Grand Encampments to grant Charters and frame constitutions and laws for their proper government, the Uniformed Patriarchs have been driven to the necessity of forming outside organizations for that purpose. These are entirely beyond the control and independent of Subordinate or Grand Encampments.

It is believed that if the proper legislative power is conferred by this Grand Body upon Grand Encampments, the embarrassments now springing up, and which are sure to strengthen and increase, unless speedily remedied, will, in the not far future produce results that will seriously and injuriously affect this branch of the Order, and weaken, if not ultimately destroy, what now gives promise of the highest good to the Patriarchal branch.

For these and other reasons that will naturally occur to those who have given the subject practical thought, this Grand Lodge should confer upon Grand Encampments the requisite legislative power, to enable them to con-

trol Uniformed Patriarchs, when organized as such. He therefore submits for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampments of the various jurisdictions within whose territorial limits companies of Uniformed Patriarchs have been or shall be organized, are hereby empowered to organize Subordinate Encampments, and issue Charters to them as Uniformed Encampments, and to provide suitable constitutions and laws for their proper government as such.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STEBBINS.

Rep. DANN, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, asking for the adoption of a fourth degree in the Encampment branch of the Order, for Uniformed Patriarchs, and further asking that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a ritual for such degree, would respectfully report that the subject-matter has received our careful consideration, but we find no occasion for the creation of additional degrees in the Order at the present time, nor do we believe that such occasion will arise at any near time in the future. We would therefore report adversely upon the said subject, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DANN, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN T. GIVEN,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, O. G. DOUGLASS, S. H. BRADLEY,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, J. W. STEBBINS, JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, relative to a change in the laws to enable said Grand Encampment "to elect officers for two years, and be permitted to hold biennial sessions," respectfully report that they have given the subject the consideration its importance seems to demand, and are of the opinion that it would be *unwise* to make such a change.

The term of officers for Grand Bodies being now uniformly one year, we see no good reason for making an exception in this case, or of making any change in existing law in regard to term of officers, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, ERIE J. LEECH, F. P. DANN,
JOHN T. GIVEN, JOHN U. PERKINS, S. H. BRADLEY,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, O. G. DOUGLASS, J. W. STEBBINS.

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DANN, of California (Journal, page 7714), and submitted to this committee in compliance with the request of the R. W. Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction, relative to the practicability of changing and defining the status of members of a Subordinate Encampment who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues in the Subordinate Lodge, beg leave to report the following resolution, and recommend that the same receive the approval of this R. W. Grand Body, and shall become operative on and after January 1, 1879.

Resolved, That a member of an Encampment who shall be dropped or suspended for *non-payment of dues* by his Lodge, said act of the Lodge shall not affect the standing of said member in his Encampment for the term of *one year* thereafter, provided the Patriarch shall not rest under any disability during the interim in his Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. GIVEN,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	JOHN U. PERKINS,
ERIE J. LEECH,	O. G. DOUGLASS,	S. H. BRADLEY,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	J. W. STEBBINS,	F. P. DANN.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, asking for a law "by which members of Subordinate Lodges in good standing over fifty years of age may become non-beneficial members, provided they have been in membership five consecutive years," would respectfully report that in the opinion of your committee it would *not be advantageous* to the Order to enact such a law as the resolution proposes. One class of non-beneficial members is now provided for. (See Section 1117 of Digest.) We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	JOHN U. PERKINS,	F. P. DANN,
JOHN T. GIVEN,	O. G. DOUGLASS,	S. H. BRADLEY,
ERIE J. LEECH,	JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	J. W. STEBBINS.

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, asking that Section 177 of the Digest, relating to the payment of benefits to insane persons, be stricken out, beg leave to report that they believe such legislation would be inexpedient; therefore

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN U. PERKINS,	ERIE J. LEECH,	JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	F. P. DANN,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
O. G. DOUGLASS,	J. W. STEBBINS,	S. H. BRADLEY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the proper construction of the following section of the Reinstatement Law, as set forth in Section 1687 of the Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz.: '*Resolved*, That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar;' and

"WHEREAS, Cases continually occur of individuals who wish to avail themselves of the benign provisions of the Reinstatement Law, without waiting the prescribed five years, and Lodges decline to grant the request, alleging that the Lodge has no option under the above law, therefore the more fully to carry the Reinstatement Law into practical effect, and aid in the restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues; be it

"*Resolved*, That nothing contained in the above shall prevent a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper application, the receipt of one dollar, and by a majority vote of the members present, from granting a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues before five years have expired."

Have fully considered the subject-matter of the modification asked for. and believing there is no necessity for any change in the law, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, JOHN U. PERKINS,
O. G. DOUGLASS, F. P. DANN, JOHN T. GIVEN,
J. W. STEBBINS, S. H. BRADLEY.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, member of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the subject of granting dismissal certificates (see page 7708, Journal), being unable to agree with a majority of the committee in their views of the subject, would respectfully submit that in his opinion the interest of the Order would be promoted by allowing a Lodge or Encampment, in *special cases*, the privilege of granting a withdrawal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, in order to enable him to join another Lodge in the same jurisdiction, upon as liberal terms as the law now provides for a brother who wishes to join a Lodge in another jurisdiction than the one to which he belongs, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at the discretion of the Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in the same jurisdiction before the five years have expired, as provided in Section 1687 of Digest.

Respectfully submitted, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

Rep. LEECH, of IOWA, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution from the Grand Lodge of Iowa (found on page 7714, Journal), asking this R. W. Grand Lodge to enact a uniform law for the purpose of more fully protecting the interests of Odd Fellows, who from any cause have failed to unite in reclaiming their Charter, after surrender thereof, have had the subject-matter under consideration, and find that by reference to Section 1672a, Digest, that members who have thus failed to join in the application to reclaim the Charter, as above, may resume their membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe. Your committee therefore conclude that there is no necessity for further legislation upon this subject, and present for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter. Respectfully submitted,

Erie J. Leech,	John C. Underwood,	John U. Perkins,
Isaac A. Sheppard,	O. G. Douglass,	F. P. Dann,
John T. Given,	J. W. Stebbins,	S. H. Bradley.

Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance report the following as the total assets of the Grand Lodge, as shown by the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary, August 31, 1878 :

Cash		$10,661 49
U. S. 5-20 Bonds		8,000 00
Available Funds		$18,661 49
Electro Plates	$4,986 60	
Steel and Copper Plates	3,450 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	7,460 01	
Library	676 46	
Grand Lodge Building	3,265 04	
Due from Individuals	178 33	
Due from Grand Bodies	1,484 92	
Due from Subordinates	270 22	
Supplies on hand (cost)	7,867 05	
		$29,638 63
Total		$48,300 12

The committee have also examined the correspondence and receipts of the contributions received and forwarded by the Grand Secretary for the sufferers from yellow fever in the Southern States, as per special report of the Grand Secretary, aggregating the sum of $675, and find the same to be correct.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, dated June 19, 1877 (see p. 7315, Journal, 1877), asking a remission of the annual tax already charged, and the exemption from representative tax until said Grand Lodge shall have regularly chartered ten Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same, and offer the following resolution for your action :

Resolved, That the representative tax, amounting to $75.00, now charged to said Grand Lodge on the books of the Grand Secretary, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Your committee have also had under consideration the resolution of Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, which reads as follows :

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a complete set of the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Digest, and Book of Forms, free of charge, with the exception of express charges."

Upon reference to the records we discover that there are fifty-two Representatives, who for the first time have made their appearance, and should the proposition made by Rep. SHEIRE be adopted, it would involve an expense of more than $500. It is for this Grand Lodge to determine whether it is expedient, in view of the depleted condition of its finances, to grant any more gratuities ; and your committee is of the opinion that the day in this Grand Lodge has passed for it to make expenses for which it has no funds in its treasury. In accordance, therefore, with the views expressed and the action had on the same subject at the session of the Grand Lodge held in 1877, we offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to comply with the resolution of Rep. SHEIRE.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	JAMES B. BLANKS,	JOHN GIBSON,
JOHN E. MCCAHAN,	WM. J. MILLER,	GEO. HASKINS,
M. J. DURHAM,	W. L. SWEENEY,	I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and present the following items for your information :

The R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary acknowledges the receipt from all sources during the year ending August 31, 1878, of	$39,158 89

Which amount has been paid over to the R. W. Grand Treasurer, as per that officer's books.

The Grand Treasurer's account is as follows :

Cash balance on hand, August 31, 1877		$13,474 91
Received from Grand Secretary for the year ending August 31, 1878		39,158 89
		$52,633 80
Disbursements during the year, as per vouchers		41,972 31
Cash balance on hand, August 31, 1878		$10,661 49

Which amount is on deposit in the National Farmers and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, subject to the drafts of the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Treasurer also holds receipts of the Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore for $8,000 five-twenty interest bearing bonds of the United States, making $18,661.49.

The Wildey Monument account. kept by the Grand Treasurer, shows the following balance, August 31, 1878 :

Cash balance	$ 790 13	
United States five-twenty gold bonds	2,000 00	
		$2,790 13

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND INVESTED FUNDS FOR THE YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31, 1877 AND 1878.

Receipts from all sources for the year 1877	$43,754 42
Receipts from all sources for the year 1878	39,158 89
Diminution of cash receipts for last twelve months	$4,595 53
U. S. 5-20 Bonds on hand August 31, 1877	$15,500 00
U. S. 5-20 Bonds on hand August 31, 1878	8,000 00
Diminution of invested funds during the last twelve months	$7,500 00
Aggregated diminution of cash receipts and invested funds during the past fiscal year	$12,095 53

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JOHN E. MCCAHAN,
GEORGE HASKINS, M. J. DURHAM, I. C. STAFFORD,
JOHN GIBSON, W. L. SWEENEY, WM. J. MILLER.

Rep. LEE, of Connecticut, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of WILLIAM K. NEAL, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, would report as follows:

That from the evidence presented, they find that charges were preferred against WILLIAM W. CASTLE, P. G., as appears from the certified copy of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, as follows:

At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, I. O. O. F., held in the city of Portland, on the 13th day of August, A. D. 1878, the following action was taken, as appears from the minutes thereof, to wit:

"The following charge and specification was presented against WILLIAM W. CASTLE, P. G., Worthy Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge:

'*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine:*

'The undersigned, members of this Grand Lodge, hereby prefer the following charge against W. W. CASTLE, P. G., of Belfast Lodge, No. 41:

'CHARGE.—Conduct unbecoming an officer of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

'SPECIFICATION.—For that Bro. W. W. CASTLE, while holding the office of R. W. Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge, to wit: on the tenth day of August, A. D. 1878, was intoxicated upon the public streets in the city of Belfast, and then and there conducted himself in such a manner as to bring discredit upon himself and this R. W. Grand Lodge.

J. J. HENNESSEY, *P. G.*
THEO. GERRISH, *P. G.*

'Dated at Portland, this 13th day of August, A. D. 1878.'

"A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the charges.

"WILLIAM K. NEAL, P. G., raised the point of order that the charges having been presented in due form the Grand Lodge must receive them and appoint a committee to try the same.

"The Grand Master ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

"The motion to indefinitely postpone was carried."

We are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine was

an exercise of its powers as a Grand Lodge, where it had full and complete jurisdiction, and would therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Wallace Lee,	John M. Price,	Wm. W. Morris,
Geo. H. Bigelow,	Colin M. Boyd,	E. W. Miller,
A. T. McKinney,	A. F. Craig,	E. H. Spencer.

Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

In the appeal of J. W. Stebbins, G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, is presented the right of an elective Grand Officer in that jurisdiction, having a vote as such, to also vote as Representative of a Subordinate Lodge.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York provides that "each elective Grand Officer shall be entitled to one vote" (Article IV., Section 1). Article II., Section 4, reads, "Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to elect, for the same term as a regular Representative, or for any less term, any Past Grand in good standing in a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge as proxy Representative, to act only in the absence of the regular Representative."

It was the personal right of the appellant to vote as a Grand Officer. It was his privilege and duty under the law to vote for the Lodge which he represented by proxy.

Your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Craig,	Geo. H. Bigelow,	E. W. Miller,
A. T. McKinney,	Wm. W. Morris,	Wm. Wallace Lee,
Colin M. Boyd,	John M. Price,	E. H. Spencer.

Rep. Spencer, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, have considered the appeal of H. D. Carmohn, P. G., a member of the Grand Lodge of New York. The facts are as follows: The brother appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge from the action of said Grand Lodge in deciding that suspension as a punishment for cause of a member of a Lodge, vacates the office the brother held at the time of suspension.

Bro. Charles F. Weitzel, P. G., of Long Island City Lodge, No. 395, appeals from the decision of D. D. G. M. Clowes, of Queens District, to the Grand Master in the following case: Charges were preferred against the Vice Grand of Long Island City Lodge, No. 395, who, on trial, was found guilty, and suspended for two months.

Question: Does the office of Vice Grand become vacant by reason of such suspension? The Deputy decided it did not.

Question: Can a Lodge fill such vacancy? The Deputy decided it could not fill a vacancy that did not exist.

The decisions of the D. D Grand Master of Queens District were affirmed by the Grand Master and by him reported to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session of 1878, and referred to the Committee on Appeals, who reported as follows: "We recommend the reversal of Appeal No. 1, on the ground that

the suspension of an officer for cause and as a punishment, whether for a long or a short period, vacates his office," which report was adopted.

Your committee are of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge was correct, and recommend that said action be affirmed and the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. SPENCER, WM. W. MORRIS, COLIN M. BOYD,
A. T. MCKINNEY, A. F. CRAIG, WM. WALLACE LEE,
E. W. MILLER, JOHN M. PRICE, GEO. H. BIGELOW.

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Norway Lodge, No. 16, of the State of Maine, against the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, in the matter of the appeal of Bro. A. B. CROCKETT against the action of said Lodge, would respectfully report that it appears that in Norway Lodge, No. 16, in the jurisdiction of Maine, charges were preferred against Bro. A. B. CROCKETT, of that Lodge, with having been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, with specifications as follows:

FIRST. That the said ANTHONY B. CROCKETT, with a view of obtaining benefits from said Norway Lodge, No. 16, when, by its By-Laws, he was not entitled to the same as claimed, feigned himself sick, and falsely claimed to be confined to the house from May 18, A. D. 1875, to November 1, A. D. 1875.

SECOND. That the said ANTHONY B. CROCKETT, on the second day of July, A. D. 1877, sent to said Norway Lodge, No. 16, a false certificate in writing, purporting to be from three physicians, to the effect that he, the said ANTHONY B. CROCKETT had been sick and confined to the house from May 18, A. D. 1875, to November 1, A. D. 1875, and in accordance with said certificate, he, the said ANTHONY B. CROCKETT, demanded benefits from said Norway Lodge, No. 16.

Upon these charges and specifications, Bro. CROCKETT was regularly tried and expelled by the Lodge, from which action Bro. CROCKETT appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maine, and on a review of the case by that body, the appeal of Bro. CROCKETT was sustained.

From the evidence presented in the case, and after a careful consideration of the whole premises, including the By-Law of Norway Lodge, No. 16, on the subject of sickness and benefits, your committee are of opinion that the evidence presented in the record does not sustain the truth of the charges and specifications alleged; and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Norway Lodge, No. 16, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in the case of Bro. A. B. CROCKETT, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. PRICE, WM. W. MORRIS, A. F. CRAIG,
GEO. H. BIGELOW, A. T. MCKINNEY, WM. WALLACE LEE,
E. W. MILLER, COLIN M. BOYD, E. H. SPENCER.

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, respectfully report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and find that the facts submitted in this case are as follows:

DANIEL C. AUGUR, a member of Quinnipiac Lodge, reported himself sick, by letter, and A. H. HURLBURT, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Lodge was authorized to visit the brother. HURLBURT did so visit AUGUR, and found him apparently at work. He did not make himself known, but entered into conversation with him as a stranger, wishing to buy a new milch cow, &c.; neither did the said HURLBURT make any report to said Lodge of the result of his visit. Some months after this visit AUGUR made application for fifteen weeks' benefits in form, accompanied by the proper certificate of his attending physician, that he had been ill of bilious fever.

The application of AUGUR was referred to the Relief Committee of the Lodge, and on hearing the statement of HURLBURT, above referred to, authorized a member of the committee to prefer charges against AUGUR for having been guilty of attempting to defraud Quinnipiac Lodge by applying for sick benefits when not entitled to them. When the special committee to investigate this charge met, AUGUR was present, and on recognizing HURLBURT became excited, and the records of the committee reported him as saying that he "wished the sick visiting committee would call as a sick visiting committee and not as a sneak and a thief." This committee reported that Bro. AUGUR did not intend to wilfully defraud the Lodge, and recommended that the charge be dismissed, which report was adopted. HURLBURT afterward preferred charges against AUGUR as being guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, by slandering him without cause by reason of his language above quoted in relation to the "sick visiting committee." At the meeting of the special committee to investigate said charges, it was claimed that HURLBURT made the following statement in reference to the word "thief:"

"I did not hear Bro. AUGUR say it, and I don't believe he did, but Bro. PECKHAM put it in; I don't know why, unless he had a grudge against me, and wanted to blacken my character before the Lodge." PECKHAM was secretary of the committee investigating the first charge against AUGUR.

AUGUR at this hearing was positive he did not use the word "thief," but if he did say it, took it back. This the committee considered ample apology, and recommended that the charges be dismissed against him, which report was adopted by Quinnipiac Lodge.

The Lodge then required HURLBURT to take back the charge made by him against PECKHAM, which he refused to do. PECKHAM then preferred charges against HURLBURT for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, specifying that HURLBURT had charged him with falsifying the minutes of the special committee on charges against AUGUR. The committee of investigation on these charges reported that HURLBURT had wilfully brought a false charge against PECKHAM, and therefore should be expelled from the Lodge. They also made a supplementary report, recommending the case to the Lodge for their sound judgment and mercy to HURLBURT. HURLBURT was expelled from Quinnipiac Lodge, and appealed to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who decided that Quinnipiac Lodge had found HURLBURT guilty of an offence with which he had not been charged, viz.: preferring a false charge against PECKHAM," an offence not charged in the specifications, the By-Law referred to in said report having reference only to written charges, regularly preferred in the Lodge. The Committee of Appeals were also of the opinion that the use of the expression with which HURLBURT was charged, was an offence of too trivial a character to merit the severest penalty known to our laws. The Grand Lodge sustained the appeal of Bro. ALFRED H. HURLBURT, and Quinnipiac Lodge was required to restore him to full membership. From this action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Quinnipiac Lodge took an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee, therefore, upon the statement of facts as presented, would recommend that the appeal of Quinnipiac Lodge be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. BIGELOW,	WM. W. MORRIS,	COLIN M. BOYD,
A. T. MCKINNEY,	E. W. MILLER,	JOHN M. PRICE,
E. H. SPENCER,	A. F. CRAIG.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, South America, adopted August 17, 1877, and the By-Laws of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, of Montreal, Province of Quebec.

Also the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, adopted May 9, 1878.

Also the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas, adopted February, 1878, and the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, adopted August, 1877, respectfully report that they have examined the same and submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, S. A.; the By-Laws of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Province of Quebec; the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; the revised Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, D. B. WOODRUFF, GILBERT F. ROBBINS,
D. W. BRERETON, PETER S. HOFFMAN.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the Book of Forms compiled by Bro. M. Posz, of Indiana, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the book and find the same to be a neat and condensed method of keeping Lodge accounts, but we deem it inexpedient to make any recommendation respecting the same.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS, WM. LUCAS, JOSHUA DAVIS, L. T. MINTURN.

Rep. MUNSON, of Connecticut, from the Special Committee on Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, appointed at the last session of your R. W. Grand Body to examine the various works on Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs, and report at this session, would respectfully submit the following:

They have examined with great care the several works that have been published, and have submitted them for examination to military men who are members of the Order. All that we have examined possess more or less merit. Several are quite too limited in the range of tactics which they embrace to permanently meet the expanding demands of this new but most deservedly popular branch of our Order.

From their own examination, and from information derived from brothers who have had a larger military experience, your committee are of the opinion that but two works have been published as yet of sufficient range and

versatility of drill to be seriously considered in the selection to be made, each containing about 180 pages. The one is by Patriarch J. B. KILBOURNE, of Painesville, Ohio, late a captain in the Tenth Ohio Regiment of Cavalry, the other by Patriarch S. S. EDDY, of Rochester, New York, late a captain in a Massachusetts regiment, and now Lieut.-Colonel of the Fifty-Fourth Regiment, New York State Militia. While your committee find much in the former of high merit, evincing on the part of its author ability and well-defined military knowledge, they are still constrained to give the decided preference to the work of Col. EDDY, for the following reasons:

First. This work is better adapted to the special purposes designed, as the basis conforms in the main to the Manual of Upton's Revised Tactics, with a front of four men as a unit.

Second. It contains several fancy and several emblematical movements that are new and entirely original with Col. EDDY, such as the three links, the hour glass, the chain, &c.

Third. Its manual of sword exercise is the most complete and extensive we have seen.

Fourth. Its *cul de sac* possesses great merit, and is admirably adapted, as are all the new movements to the designs of the Patriarchal branch of our Order.

While strict military rule is observed throughout, the nature of the organization to which its evolutions are to be applied, has not been lost sight of, but all are so used and interwoven with the purposes of that organization, and the end to be attained, as to contribute in an eminent degree to keep prominently before the mind of the beholder the ORDER, whose symbols and emblems military evolutions are evoked to display and adorn.

For these and many other reasons that might be presented, your committee recommend for adoption by this R. W. Grand Lodge the work known as "The Tactics and Drill of Col. S. S. EDDY," a copy of which is herewith submitted.

The author of this work informs your committee that it is at the disposal of this Grand Lodge in whatever manner it may prefer. He has it in stereotype plates, and this Grand Lodge can have the whole and furnish the work as a supply, or he will furnish the work upon orders, individual or official, at a very small advance upon cost price.

Being a thorough military man, and an enthusiast in this branch of our Order, and at the head of the Rochester Battalion of Uniformed Patriarchs, that has already gained wide celebrity by several exhibition drills under these tactics, his only desire is to bring to the front rank in contrast with any sister organization, this branch of our Order. Your committee would therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the "Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs," published by Col. S. S. EDDY, be and the same is hereby adopted as the tactics and drill for Uniformed Patriarchs throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

L. I. MUNSON, A. B. CRANE.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the following, as taken from pages 7461 and 7462 of the Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at the session of 1877, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term password, or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to

visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then, until the expiration of such time thereafter, as may, also, by the laws, be provided as a penalty.

"*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive in full or in part the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

"*Resolved*, That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, and unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

"*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby repealed."

Be and the same is hereby repealed.

Also the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on a Funeral Benefit feature:

Resolved, That the subject-matter embraced in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, instructing its Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge to advocate the endowment plan in any measure of mutual benefit which may be adopted, be and the same is hereby referred to the special committee on this subject.

Rep. BEATTY, of California, submitted the following from the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to urge the adoption of an amendment to the funeral service, so as to provide appropriate service to be held in the Lodge-room, whenever the Lodge shall decide to hold such services.

Also the following from the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to endeavor to have the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah so amended as to permit Rebekah Degree Lodges to hold their meetings on Sundays, and in the day-time.

Rep. DANN, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Proposed amendment to By-Laws:

ARTICLE.—The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as

receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and as mileage their actual and necessary traveling expenses by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge and to return to their homes respectively, provided that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, by instruction from the Grand Lodge of Florida, moved the following, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, submitted certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and a communication from the Grand Master of Illinois, which were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on the subject of the appeal of P. G. M. BROSS in 1876, which was referred to the Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to render a decision on the question, "as to who should occupy the chair of Chief Patriarch during his temporary absence."

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, presented the following transcript from the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Special Committee on a Funeral Benefit feature:

HALL OF KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 214, I. O. O. F.,
West St. Louis, April 10, 1878.

At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held this evening, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this District to the Grand Lodge of Missouri are instructed to procure the passage of a law by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, creating an Insurance or Widow and Orphan Benefit Fund for the benefit of the Order.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each Representative and to the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

H. BRADSHAW, *Secretary*.

Rep. LUCAS, of Nevada, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XVII., to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries), attending any session of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge as follows: Six dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and actual traveling expenses, including all traveling fare by the shortest traveled route from their places of residence to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge and return, and three dollars per day for board for each day of travel; provided, that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

WM. LUCAS, of Nevada.
JOHN M. PRICE, of Kansas.
A. D. MEACHAM, of Nevada.
COLIN M. BOYD, of California.
FRANK G. BEATTY, of California.
W. J. BEATTY, of Oregon.
JOSHUA J. WALTON, of Oregon.

Rep. HILDRETH, of New Hampshire, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the compensation allowed all committees that may hold sessions during the recess of this Grand Body shall be three dollars per diem for each member while in attendance, and for mileage the actual amount expended in going and returning from the place of meeting, and that no member who may be on any committee who is in receipt of a stated salary from this body shall receive any compensation per diem.

Also the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the yearly compensation of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be placed at two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); that of the R. W. Grand Treasurer at four hundred dollars ($400.00); that of the R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary at fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500.00), and that of the R. W. Grand Messenger at eight hundred dollars ($800.00).

Rep. BACKENSTO, of Oregon, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the daughters and sisters of the fifth degree members in good standing be made eligible to membership in the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to recommend a regalia to be worn by the Patriarchal branch of the Order on public occasions, be and they are hereby instructed to recommend a suitable regalia to be worn by officers and members of an Encampment when in session.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved to refer it to the committee, without instructions, which was agreed to.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "annually," and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

Amend Article IX., Section 1, so as to read as follows:

Article IX., Section 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Amend Article XIII., Section 4, so as to read as follows:

Article XIII., Section 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

Amend Article XIV., Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV., Section 2. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

Amend Article XXI., so as to read as follows:

Article XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania. JOHN E. BELL, of Ohio.
ERIE J. LEECH, of Iowa. HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland.
COLIN M. BOYD, of California.

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XVII. of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Article XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding ten cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

George H. Bigelow, of Vermont.	James B. Blanks, of Virginia.
C. A. Robbe, of Georgia.	J. C. Ford, of Nebraska.
Joshua Davis, of Maine.	Wm. J. Miller, of Rhode Island.

Rep. Jones, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial from A. J. Langworthy, P. G. M., which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The call of jurisdictions being completed, Bro. Veitch, P. G. Sire, moved to resume the consideration of amendments to the Constitution, which was agreed to.

The first amendment, page 7455, as follows, was considered :

Amend Section 4 of Article XVI. by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge" in the seventh line of said section, and insert as follows :

That the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years ; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. Dann, of California, moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next amendment, page 7455, as follows, was considered :

Amend Article XVII. by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. Dann, of California, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, page 7511, as follows, was considered :

Resolved, That Section 5, Article I., Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting in the last line, between the words "members" and "of," the word "present," so that the section shall read :

To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members *present* of this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved that it be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, sixty-four voting in the affirmative and forty in the negative.

The next amendment, page 7511, as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That all appointed officers of any Subordinate Lodge shall be in possession of the Scarlet Degree, except the Chaplain and Scene Supporters.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, it was indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the By-Laws, page 7411, as follows, was considered:

ARTICLE ——. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive, out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and eight cents per mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge; provided that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The point of order was raised by Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, that the amendment was not in order, not being in accordance with Article XIX. of the Constitution.

The Chair declared the point of order not well taken.

The question recurred on the adoption of the By-Law, pending the consideration of which the Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 19, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. HAZLETT, of Ohio, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business, requiring action of committees, be received after eleven o'clock, A. M., this day, except by unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, the consideration of which was, on his motion, postponed until the next annual session:

Resolved, That a member of the Order, having the Royal Purple Degree, shall have the following rights and privileges:

1. He may retain membership in a Lodge or in an Encampment indefinitely, without being required to hold membership in the other.

2. If he withdraws from active fellowship in either the Lodge or Encampment, taking a permanent card, he shall have the right to have the S. A. P., and to visit any Lodge or Encampment, by virtue of his fellowship in the one and his permanent card from the other. A certificate of membership by the one shall authorize the officers of the other to impart the S. A. P.

3. If the member takes a permanent card from both the Lodge and Encampment, he must conform to existing laws.

4. If he visits another State, his permanent card with the A. T. P. W., together with a Visiting Card from the other (or by a special card that may be hereafter authorized), shall entitle him to visit Lodges or Encampments in said other State.

5. If a member is suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, his fellowship in his Encampment shall not be affected thereby, and he shall retain active fellowship in his Encampment; and, in like manner, suspension for non-payment of dues in an Encampment shall not affect his standing in his Lodge.

6. If a member be expelled from either the one or the other, the said act of expulsion shall be enforced in both the Lodge and the Encampment, and in all cases the acting body shall notify the other.

7. If a member is suspended from either the Lodge or Encampment for cause of misconduct, said action shall be binding in both bodies, and restoration from said suspension shall be effective in both of them.

Rep. MEACHAM, of Nevada, submitted the following:

M. W. GRAND SIRE,—I do not know that this is the proper time in which to perform a pleasing duty, but I trust it may be. A number of gentlemen of Cornucopia, Nevada, have sent to me a box of silver-bearing quartz rock and silver specimens, some of which are both beautiful and valuable, which they desire me to present to this Grand Lodge, with the request that such disposition be made of them as in the judgment of this Grand Lodge should appear to be for the best, and at the same time to present the wishes of the donors that the Order which we represent may continue to prosper as in times past.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the beautiful silver and silver quartz specimens presented by Rep. MEACHAM, of Nevada, be accepted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to suitably acknowledge the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a proper case for the preservation and display of the specimens in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Rep. MEACHAM, of Nevada, submitted the following:

M. W. GRAND SIRE,—I have this morning received from Mrs. W. P. EMERY, and her little sister, PHEBE, of Sacramento City, California, these beautiful flowers, which I am requested to present in their name to the presiding officer of this R. W. Grand Body, with the expressed hope that the results of the teachings of this Order may continue to flourish and remain as bright and beautiful as they hope these flowers may be when they reach us. I take very great pleasure in thus presenting them, and trust they will be accepted in the same beautiful spirit in which they were presented.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the graceful tribute of beautiful flowers, and accompanying sentiments, tendered to our handsome Grand Sire, by fair ladies of Sacramento City, California, merit and hereby receive the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present German translation of the initiatory work of the Subordinate Lodges of this Order is very inadequate, and of no interest or life; and

WHEREAS, A translation of the work has been forwarded by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and is now in possession of this R. W. Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the merits of said translation and report to this R. W. Grand Body at this session.

The Chair appointed the following, as the committee called for:

Reps. MILLER, of New Jersey; ZIMMERER, of Nebraska; COHEN, of Arkansas; NEWMAN, of Iowa; JONES, of Ohio.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the following:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns to-day, it be to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend by striking out "4" and inserting "5."

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, moved to amend by striking out "4" and inserting "7½."

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The distinguished courtesy and kindness of the R. W. Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., resident in Baltimore, and of the R. W. Grand Representatives of Maryland, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, in connection with a number of brothers residing in the city, as evinced in the conception and successful execution of the very enjoyable excursion of yesterday to Annapolis, the ancient capital city of Maryland, deserves, at the hands of the Grand Lodge, more than the mere expression of thanks voted at the time of the acceptance of the invitation; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Grand Lodge, on their own behalf and for the members of their families and other friends, who participated in the enjoyments of yesterday, are due, and are hereby most gratefully tendered to the brothers above referred to, for their warm-hearted fraternal kindness and hospitality.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to convey to the brethren, above mentioned, assurances of our hearty appreciation of their courtesy, and of our perpetual remembrance of the pleasant associations of the occasion, and of the fraternal kindness that dictated them.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, on behalf of Bro. CHARLES N. FOX, Rep. of California, submitted the following, and presented a handsomely engrossed copy of the resolutions to the Grand Secretary:

SAN-FRANCISCO, August 20, 1878.

At a meeting of the Association of *Veteran Odd Fellows of California*, held at Encampment Hall, on Tuesday evening, August 13, 1878, the President, CHARLES N. FOX, P. G. M., having first called the Vice-President, A. C. BRADFORD, P. G. M., to the chair, offered the following resolutions, and moved their adoption. The motion was eloquently and feelingly seconded by E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, and W. H. BARNES, P. G. Rep., and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the Association of Veteran Odd Fellows of California regards the venerable JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the *Moses* of Odd Fellowship, a brother who has contributed more than any other toward bringing our Order up out of the darkness of Egypt and from the slavery of soul to sense; whose enlightened mind, active brain, and large heart have been through a long life pre-eminent in elevating the character of Odd Fellowship, and through it the character of man. By his wisdom and the guidance of his hand, the sphere of man's affections has been enlarged, the spirit of our Order has been kept constantly abreast with the spirit of the age, the field of our labor has been extended, the literature of our Order illuminated, the progress of the fraternity unparalleled, and its history made glorious among men. His services to our Order have been so long, so constant, so faithful, and so intelligent, that *its* history has become *his* most perfect biography; they have been of a character to be beyond price, and have imposed upon us a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid. As we approach the close of three score years in the existence of our fraternity, we return thanks to Him who holds the lives of men and of nations in the hollow of His hand, that the life of our venerable brother is still preserved to us, and that we are yet permitted through his lips to hear "the voice of wisdom speaking from age and experience," and we pray that he may be spared to us and to our Order yet these many years, that we may continue to receive from him "the instructions of a father and attend to know understanding," for we know that he "will give us good doctrine," and we observe with joy that as he ripens in years, though the hand may become weaker, the soul grows stronger, the intellect brightens until it has become a beacon light to men, and the heart has already become so enlarged as to enfold in the outstretched arms of its love the entire brotherhood of man.

Resolved, That it is with sincere and profound regret that the members of this association have observed in the last annual report made by this venerable and revered brother to the Grand Lodge of the United States, an intimation, written by his own hand, that the time may soon come when it will be the duty of the Order to bestow the honors of his position upon another.

No other member of our Order could have written such an intimation while RIDGELY lived; the thought from any other source would be a sacrilege, and we trust that our beloved brother will never again repeat it. It would be a dishonor to our manhood, should any other consent to wear the mantle of a RIDGELY, while *our* RIDGELY lived. Even though the infirmities of age should deprive him of the power of manual labor, let every Grand Charter of our Order bear his name, and every card his autograph, until our Father calls him home.

Confident that no other will ever seek to deprive him of the honors he so well deserves, we beg of him that he do not by act or word of his lay these honors down, but that he consent to wear them, as the grateful offering of

our Grand Fraternity till honors on the mortal man can no longer be conferred.

On motion of Past Grand Sire FARNSWORTH, the following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions just adopted, certified under the seal of this association, be presented by the President of the Association to the Grand Lodge of the United States at as early a day, in the approaching session, as he can be heard; also that a copy, properly engrossed, be presented by him to Grand Secretary RIDGELY.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the association, the day and year herein first above written.

[SEAL.] CHARLES N. FOX, *President.*

C. W. DANNALS, *Secretary.*

Grand Secretary RIDGELY, after the reading of the above, responded as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE:

I have received so many evidences of regard and sympathy from the brethren since my failing health has so seriously impaired my "official" activity and usefulness, that I am overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude and obligation. Especially has this noble proceeding of the "Veteran Odd Fellows of California," which has just been read in our hearing by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved my feelings and emotions so sensibly, that I can with difficulty find words adequate to convey the just expression of gratitude which their kindness and liberality has awakened. With God's favor, I hope to be equal to the general duties of my position, and so long as honored with the office, and blessed with reasonable health and strength I shall labor on to the end. The sentiments embodied in this proceeding are the highest emanations of Odd Fellowship, which is an institution of civilization, inferior or subordinate only to Christianity and worthy of the respect and veneration of all good men. While life lasts the recollection of this honor and compliment shall be religiously cherished and preserved as well a monitor for my instruction as a precious souvenir of fraternity. I reiterate my profound sense of honor and gratitude to the worthy "Association of Veteran Odd Fellows of California."

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted a petition from M. J. REILLY, of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Rep. STAFFORD, of Texas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, under a suspension of the rule, was considered:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution fixing the mileage and per diem for this session, respectfully report that they have duly considered the same, and in view of the depleted condition of the treasury and the inability of this Grand Body to pay its Representatives the same amount of mileage and per diem as has been its custom, present herewith for your information and guidance a comparative statement of receipts and disbursements, assets, &c., for the past five years, and in view of the facts contained in said statement offer for your adoption the resolution hereto annexed:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF THE RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS, BONDS, CASH BALANCES, GENERAL ASSETS, AND LOSSES.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Deficiency.	U. S. Bonds.	Cash balances.	Assets.
1874,	$44,256.34	$51,323.54	$7,067.20	$24,000	$18,188.30	$70,661.88
1875,	37,932.66	43,593.98	5,661.32	22,000	*16,386.70	67,990.14
1876,	36,651.49	45,392.24	8,740.75	22,000	11,436.85	67,316.80
1877,	35,396.62	41,716.36	6,319.74	15,500	†13,474.91	58,635.65
1878,	30,464.55	41,972.31	11,507.76	8,000	‡10,661.49	48,300.12
Decrease in Assets from August 31, 1874, to August 31, 1878, a period of four years, ...						$22,361.76

* Includes $2,000 in U. S. Bonds sold. † Includes $6,500 in U. S. Bonds sold.
‡ Includes $7,500 in U. S. Bonds sold.

The mileage and per diem for the session of 1877, held in the city of Baltimore, amounted to $18,895.00. If the same amount be paid for the present session of this Grand Body, there will not be sufficient funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for that purpose, as is shown by his report, there being but $10,661.49 in cash, showing a deficit of $8,233.51. To meet this deficiency, however, the Grand Treasurer holds as invested funds $8,000.00 of 5-20 U. S. Bonds, which he will of necessity be compelled to sell in order to meet the demands which will be made upon him immediately at the close of this session. In order to avert such a contingency, your committee are of the unanimous opinion that the resolution hereto annexed should be adopted, by which action the saving of $4,261.40 will be accomplished. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Representatives at the present session at eight cents per mile one way, by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per diem for six days' attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. STAFFORD, M. J. DURHAM, W. L. SWEENEY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JOHN GIBSON, GEORGE HASKINS,
JAMES B. BLANKS, W. J. MILLER, JOHN E. MCCAHAN.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved to strike out the resolution reported by the committee and insert the following:

Resolved, That in computing the mileage and per diem of Representatives in attendance at the present session, the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to pay actual traveling expenses and five dollars per day while in attendance on this Grand Lodge.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved to amend by striking out the resolution and inserting the following:

Resolved, That the mileage be fixed at ten cents per mile, counting one way, and the per diem at six dollars per day for seven days.

The question being on the adoption of thea mendment proposed by Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the committee and pending amendments be referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem to ascertain at the earliest practicable moment the amount that will be appropriated under the amendment of Rep. ROBBE, and to report to the Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, asked that the question be divided and the vote on the mileage be taken first.

By unanimous consent, Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, withdrew the amendment proposed by him.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed by Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Backensto, Barrows, Beatty, of Oregon, Blanks, Boyd (2 votes), Bradley, Busbee, Courtney, Craig, Driggs, Davis, of Montana, Given, Glenn, Hearn, Johnstone, Kimball, Lee, Lucas, McKinney, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of West Virginia, Mulcahy, Munson (2 votes), Pearce, Robbe, Robinson, Sheire, Sporman, Stebbins, Tompkins, Wagner, Walton, Woodruff.—36.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Bagley, Barrett, Bell, Bigelow, Boyles, Brereton, Charlton, Cohen, Crane, Cummings, Dann (2 votes), Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Maine (2 votes), Dye, Dyer, Elder, Eldridge, Elliott (2 votes), Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario (2 votes), Gale, Garey, Graham, Gundaker, Gwinner, Haskins (2 votes), Havenner (2 votes), Havens, Haynie, Hazlett, Henderson, Herring, Hickok, Hildreth, Hoffman, Hogan, Housel, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Jones, of Ohio, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Leech, Lindsley, Marshall, McCahan, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey, Miller, of Rhode Island, Minturn (2 votes), Moore (2 votes), Morgan, Morris, Mucklé, Newell, Newman, Nutt, Oberly, Oviatt, Peck, Perkins, Perry (2 votes), Pierson, Price, Rawlings, Robbins, Shearer, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Spencer, Stafford, Stickney, Sweeney, Taylor, Ticknor, Underwood, Van Nort, Vinton, Walker, Weakley, Welch, Williston, Zimmerer.—97.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution reported by the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, was rejected.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the following resolutions offered by Rep. HILDRETH, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the yearly compensation of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be placed at two thousand dollars ($2,000); that of the R. W. Grand Treasurer at four hundred dollars ($400); that of the R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary at fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), and that of the R. W. Grand Messenger at eight hundred dollars ($800).

2. *Resolved*, That the compensation allowed all committees that may hold sessions during the recess of this Grand Body shall be three dollars per diem for each member while in attendance, and for mileage the actual amount expended in going and returning from the place of meeting, and that no member who may be on any committee who is in receipt of a stated salary from this body shall receive any compensation per diem.

Have considered the same and beg leave to state that they regard the salaries now paid to the officers too high, and in excess of what should be paid.

While the salaried officers and others called upon to perform services to and for this R. W. Grand Body should receive a fair and reasonable compensation for their services, yet no extravagant salaries should be paid, and now while the revenues of this body are diminishing year by year, we should practise a rigid economy in every department, and cut off all useless expenditures. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions in lieu of those above:

Resolved, That hereafter the yearly compensation paid to the officers of this Grand Lodge shall be as follows, the same to be paid quarterly, viz.: to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, two thousand dollars; to the Assistant to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, sixteen hundred dollars; to the R. W. Grand Treasurer, three hundred and fifty dollars, and to the R. W. Grand Messenger, eight hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the compensation allowed committeemen, who may render services for this R. W. Grand Body during the recess, shall be three dollars each per day while actually in session, and four cents per mile traveled to and from the place of meeting, to be computed by the nearest route usually traveled to such place, but no salaried officer of this R. W. Grand Body shall receive any per diem compensation for said services.

Your committee, to further reduce our expenses, are of opinion that the special messenger to assist the Grand Secretary can be dispensed with, but that the R. W. Grand Messenger of this R. W. Grand Lodge shall in vacation perform the duties of said messenger, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be no special messenger to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, but the R. W. Grand Messenger of this Grand Lodge shall in vacation perform for the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary such services as that officer may require.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Durham, Wm. J. Miller, James B. Blanks,
I. C. Stafford, M. Richards Muckle.

We concur in this report, except we do not regard the compensation of the Assistant Grand Secretary as enough.

George Haskins, John E. McCahan.

Rep. Boyd, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge no Representative be permitted to speak over five minutes on any given question without the unanimous consent of this Grand Body.

Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the plan for establishing an "additional funeral benefit," embraced in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and which its Representatives were instructed to advocate, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. MULCAHY, of Nevada, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada be allowed, in addition to their mileage and per diem, the sum of fifty dollars.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to add to the mileage of Representatives coming from beyond Omaha, such sum as will cover the actual traveling expenses of such Representatives from their respective homes and to return by the nearest practicable route, including only railroad fare, sleeper, porterage, and meals for the shortest time in coming from and returning to their homes.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the special committee of last year on "a suitable street uniform for Subordinate Lodges," moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on Street Regalia for Subordinate Lodges, contained on page 7370 of the Journal of 1877, be amended as follows, viz.: Strike out the word "very," in the eleventh line from the bottom of the page, and the words "of the shade known as silver blue," in the tenth line from the bottom; also, between the words "legend" and "FRIENDSHIP," in the fourth line from the bottom, insert the words "IN GOD WE TRUST," so that the said report shall read as follows, viz.:

The Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Session to report a uniform parade dress, which may be worn by Subordinate Lodges when in public procession, offer the following, and move its adoption:

1. The style of hat or cap and dress shall be left to the jurisdiction of the individual Subordinate Lodges, provided that in each case strict uniformity shall be enjoined and observed.
2. Plain white gloves only shall be worn.
3. A jewel collar two and one-half inches wide (no more nor less) at the widest part, uniting in a point in front, in accordance with pattern herewith presented, made of light blue silk, Italian cloth, or other material (excepting velvet, which shall not be used), edged with silver lace or braid, one-fourth of an inch wide, and without embroidery or other ornamentation of any kind whatever.
4. A medal to be suspended from the collar, of white metal, one and three-fourths inches in diameter, having on the obverse side, in raised work, the All-seeing Eye, encircled by rays of light; and on the reverse, also in raised work, the three links of the Order, surrounded by the legend: "IN GOD WE TRUST," "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH."

Officers and past officers may wear, instead thereof, or in addition thereto, such jewel or jewels of the Order as they may be entitled to wear elsewhere, in conformity with the existing regulations.

Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of changing the ninth Rule of Order so as to provide for the appointment of only one Committee on Appeals, said committee to be appointed by the Grand Sire, and to hold over for one year, to meet on the Thursday preceding the session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of considering appeals and preparing reports, and, if found expedient, to report the proper amendment to said rule.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to take up for consideration the report of the Committee on Appeals on page 7417 of the Journal of 1877, which was not agreed to.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the printed Journal, which was not agreed to.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF R. W. GRAND SEC'Y, R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA,
Deer Lodge, September 4, 1878.

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

This is to certify that there are within this jurisdiction the constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

Montana Lodge, No. 1, located at Helena; Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Deer Lodge; Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Bannack; Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Bozeman; Excelsior Lodge, No. 5, Helena; Covenant Lodge, No. 6, Missoula; Virginia Lodge, No. 7, Virginia; Fidelity Lodge, No. 8, Butte; Cable Lodge, No. 9, Philipsburgh; Samaritan Lodge, No. 10, Sheridan.

Yours, in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Attest: CHARLES M. JEFFERIS, *Grand Master.*

LEWIS COLEMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

Provided further, That members of civilized tribes of Indians residing on the continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may at the discretion of this Grand Lodge be admitted into the Order.

J. HAM PERRY, of Ontario.
M. D. HERRING, of Texas.
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky.
J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas.
A. T. MCKINNEY, of Texas.
SILAS JOHNSTONE, of South Carolina.
FRANK G. BEATTY, of California.
A. B. WAGNER, of Mississippi.
WM. WALLACE LEE, of Connecticut.
JOHN N. GALE, of Vermont.
E. R. SHIPLEY, of Missouri.
I. C. STAFFORD, of Texas.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend Article XXVIII. of the By-Laws by striking out from the said By-Law, all after the word "Grand Treasurer," so that the By-Law shall read as follows, viz.:

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at each Annual Session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of five members, including the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. HOUSEL, of Nebraska, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The Representative from Montana has to perform about nine hundred miles of his journey in attending the meeting of this Grand Lodge, by stage coach; and

WHEREAS, The necessary and actual expenses of said Representative are one hundred and fifty dollars more than is allowed by the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate enough money from the treasury to reimburse him for such expenditure.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XIV., Section 2, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV., Section 2. Dues from State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments at the rate of five cents per member in each jurisdiction.

GEO. B. BOYLES, of Tennessee. HORACE W. STICKNEY, of Mass.
GEO. H. BIGELOW, of Vermont. L. I. MUNSON, of Connecticut.
JOSHUA DAVIS, of Maine.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, laid on the table the following amendment to Article XXVIII. of the By-Laws:

Strike out in Section 3 of said Article all of said section after the word "months" in line five, and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz.: "They shall be entitled to such mileage and per diem as this Grand Lodge may from time to time determine."

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WASHINGTON DEGREE LODGE, No. 6, I. O. O. F.,
Newark, September 13, 1878.

C. MILLER, *R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Washington Degree Lodge, No. 6, hereby requests you to use your endeavors to procure a book wherein is contained the Installation Forms for Degree Lodges in the German language.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, There appears to be no disqualification in Section 1117, Digest, Grand Lodge of the United States, providing for non-beneficial membership for members who have been expelled; therefore

Resolved, That Section 1117 be amended by inserting after the word "age," in the sixth line, the words "and who are not under expulsion for cause."

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F..

The Special Committee on Dues and Benefits beg leave to report, that the subject is attracting the attention of the Order to an extent hitherto unknown, and in some jurisdictions committees have been appointed, information collected, discussions had, and legislation indicated, if not consummated, resulting very largely from the presentation of the experience of the Order as gathered and collated upon the pages of your Journal. Yet in some directions the subject seems to be studiously ignored; no attempts are made to call the attention of the brotherhood to the subject, nor to impress its vital importance upon the minds of the membership. The committee desire that all accessible information upon the proper, equitable, and permanent adjustment of the relationship between dues and benefits shall reach every member of the Order, and the aid of all the members of this and the other Grand Bodies is fraternally invoked toward the accomplishment of this needed object.

That there is a lamentable want of information upon the subject is undeniable. Scarcely a discussion takes place in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge but what a large proportion of the participants show that they have never read, much less thought, anything about the subject, ignoring completely the published experience of the Order. They are governed entirely by a short-sighted selfishness, by a desire to pay very little into the treasury, and to get a great deal out when sick, and, unfortunately, these are the governing sentiments in a large majority of the Lodges. The present condition of the Lodge, with a few hundreds or thousands of dollars in the treasury, is appealed to as an unanswerable argument against those who point to the great and immutable law of increase of risk and liability with age. Upon this point Grand Representative Williamson, in his able report to the Grand Lodge in 1853, remarked, that "Nothing is more deceptive to the casual observer than the operations of the first few years of an institution which insures for life, and whose members are mostly young.

"The current rates of mortality and sickness are low, and the premiums paid are above the value of the insurance at the present age of its members. The result is that funds accumulate, and they imagine that the institution is making money and is safe for all time to come. And so it would be if the contracts ended with each year and no responsibility was assumed for the future. But the truth is, we have made a contract for life, and that contract must be fulfilled in old age as well as in youth. Time is rolling on; diseases are augmenting their power to annoy; the scythe of death swings in broader and deeper circles with every year of advancement in age; and the time is coming with steady pace and unwearied tread when the payments that are now more than adequate to meet the contracts that mature, will be found to be inadequate to the increased and increasing sickness and mortality. Then shall we find use for the funds that should have been saved in the day of

youth and prosperity; and then will bankruptcy come unless these funds shall have been gathered and reserved for this purpose. Thus it is quite possible for an institution to present the superficial appearance of unusual prosperity, to have large and increasing funds at the same time that it is traveling the road to ruin with a movement as steady and infallible as that of the globe in its orbit."

A quarter of a century has passed since those words of wisdom were uttered. If they had been heeded then we would not have to-day Lodges paying a paltry pittance under the name of benefits to evade the laws of the Order, but they would have been in a condition to have kept their faith to the sick members and fulfilled the original pledges, and if the brotherhood will but heed them now, an incalculable amount of bitter disappointment will be obviated and an enduring amount of good be accomplished. Alas! there are but few that read, examine, and reflect upon the subject, yet it is of paramount importance to the vitality and the honor of the working Lodges. The crudest ideas are the most popular, and control the legislation to the detriment of the permanence and reliability of the Lodges. The advocate of a low rate of dues and a high rate of benefits is still the hero of the hour and has the largest following, and unfortunately the delusion lasts until the brink of the precipice is reached and destruction cannot in too many cases be averted. It is argued that we cannot compete with new organizations which promise "bargains at very little expense," and that members "cannot afford" to pay dues sufficient to enable the Lodge to pay benefits to the sick, and that our contemporaries are inclined "to practical and material profits." To this it may be answered that we do not propose to risk the good name and high standing of the Order by competing with reckless promises that our experience proves to be deceptive, but to so regulate our financial affairs that every promise shall be sacredly kept. If members cannot afford to pay dues so as to pay benefits, they ought not to expect benefits when they get sick; and as "the payment of weekly benefits is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order," all connected therewith are expected to honestly labor for the carrying out of this special feature of the organization, and not seek to subvert its design. The idea of "material profits" in Odd Fellowship is certainly novel. Its primary object is mutual relief, or, in other words, a sharing among the membership of the losses occasioned by sickness. It is not even designed that "profits" shall accrue to the sick brother through his sickness, but simply that some of his loss shall be made up to him. If there are those who have connected themselves with the Order under the idea of "practical and material profits," and they continue to cherish that idea, they stand in open antagonism to the cherished purposes and objects of the Order.

As an illustration of the fact that attention is being turned to the subject, a few quotations are presented.

Bro. Amos Henderson, M. W. Grand Master of Illinois, in his report made October, 1877, thus speaks:

"DUES AND BENEFITS.

"This question is one of vital interest to the Order and one which this Grand Lodge will soon be compelled to legislate upon. The older Lodges in the jurisdiction are about reaching their average mortality, and disclose the fact that our present system of dues and benefits are not based upon sound financial principles, and unless we soon adjust our dues and benefits to the laws of nature, as developed in the rate of sickness and mortality, the fiat of Omnipotence is no more certain than the fact that our institution must fall amid the reproaches and execrations of those who have trusted its promises and discovered too late that they had been leaning upon a broken reed. The laws of nature and the fixed principles of mathematical science will not bend to suit our convenience or save us from our errors. The present condition and future prosperity of our Order, and even its continued existence as a solvent institution, calls imperiously for a

speedy, thorough, and universal revision of our present system of dues and benefits."

In Connecticut, the matter has been engaging attention for some time. At the May session, 1878, Bro. William Wallace Lee, M. W. Grand Master, spoke as follows:

"The matter of dues and benefits, or rather of our ability to perform what we have promised, is an ever-present question. In accordance with the vote found on page 276, Proceedings of 1877, it will come before you at this time for your consideration. It is of vital importance to our Subordinates, as those of us who have been many years in the Order know by personal experience. I have no hobbies to ride, or pet theories to champion; I only desire that our Lodges shall be placed upon a secure basis, so that they can furnish the assistance so sorely needed, when poverty and want come as unbidden guests; and not diminish the weekly stipend, in proportion to a brother's sickness or disability. Surely he needs it more after a three months' sickness than when first stricken down, and in still greater degree as the disability is longer continued. The experience of some of the older Lodges, like Nos. 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 36, 37, and 63, is of some value in determining this question. Years ago it was common for the Lodges to promise $4.00 per week benefits, and demand $4.00 for yearly dues, a ratio which could not be sustained, as the experience of so many defunct Lodges clearly shows. I have thought much upon this matter for years, and am of the opinion that a safe basis is but little short of double the amount for yearly dues that is paid for weekly benefits; or in other words, if $4.00 is the weekly benefit, the yearly dues should be $8.00, with the average amount for admission, degrees, and funeral benefits remaining the same as now. Of course, we do not desire to make our institution so expensive that a poor man shall be debarred admittance (for we should prize manhood more than money), but we do desire to place it upon a solid basis, so that it can stand as long as humanity needs it. Whatever legislation is had upon this matter, should only be after much thought and careful deliberation."

Bro. Henry C. Hodges, M. W. Grand Master of Ohio, in his report to the Grand Lodge at the May session of 1878, spoke as follows:

"There is resting upon my heart another conviction of duty to this Grand Body—a conviction which from the beginning of my labors as the Executive head of the Order in Ohio, has grown with the days and weeks and months of the year, increased by the voluminous correspondence with my brethren associated as Lodges and as individuals, and pressed upon me by my own visits with and to the different Lodges of the State. *I greatly apprehend that many Lodges are suffering themselves to forget that the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and is to be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of our Order, has made our organization so eminently successful.* During my administration of the great office, which the partiality and kindness of the Past Grands of Ohio conferred upon me, I have used every endeavor to impress upon Subordinate Lodges a prompt and cheerful and full compliance with the law in this particular, and yet the most harassing duties of the office has grown out of the neglect of prompt payment to the sick. In prosperous times, when both employment and money are plenty, the withholding of even the moderate weekly benefits is not seriously felt; but as the daily wages of a day's labor is reduced to a sum which affords a meagre subsistence only day by day, when sickness intervenes to cut off the pittance earned in health, our brotherhood should, with alacrity and delight, step forward to the relief of our sick and distressed. Permit me to urge in this, my last official paper as your Grand Master, *the importance, the weighty importance*, of this subject, as bearing not only upon our present, but also on our future existence and prosperity as a benevolent and honorable Order."

The special committee on the above reported as follows:

"The subject of the proper ratio of dues and benefits is one of vast importance to every member of the Order, as where the ratio is not placed upon the proper basis, the Subordinate Lodge, sooner or later, becomes bankrupt, and those who have been paying dues and working in the cause for years, very often find themselves left to the cold charity of the world if taken sick. The Grand Lodge of the United States has had a special committee on this subject for several years, and, believing the subject one of vast importance, we would recommend the appointment of a special committee of three to examine the facts and figures already collected and printed in the appendix of the Journals of this Grand Lodge, and collect such other facts relating to the subject as they may be able to obtain, and report to the next session of this Lodge."

The above will suffice, although in several other jurisdictions the matter of dues and benefits is being urged upon the attention of the membership.

Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware, has compiled the following Tables of the experience of the Order in that jurisdiction for the past three years, viz.:

"VITAL STATISTICS—JURISDICTION OF DELAWARE.

Table showing the number of brothers sick at each age, with the number of weeks' sickness and age at death, embracing the three years ending June 30, 1878.

Age.	No. of Brothers sick.	No. of weeks sick.	Deaths at each age.	Age.	No. of Brothers sick.	No. of weeks sick.	Deaths at each age.
21	1	3	1	50	35	225	1
22	6	21	..	51	9	19	..
23	12	31	..	52	10	77	1
24	13	54	..	53	9	33	1
25	21	91	..	54	5	13	..
26	9	53	2	55	27	221	3
27	17	92	..	56	6	87	..
28	27	92	2	57	2	5	..
29	10	57	..	58	13	82	3
30	37	175	1	59	7	39	2
31	4	12	..	60	29	275	3
32	19	91	5	61	10	100	3
33	10	74	3	62	9	104	3
34	16	162	2	64	1	2	1
35	45	224	2	65	18	107	2
36	23	224	4	66	5	61	1
37	12	96	..	67	5	108	..
38	27	100	1	68	6	47	1
39	18	91	1	69	10	123	2
40	50	235	4	70	10	116	3
41	16	104	1	71	6	113	1
42	19	136	2	72	6	136	1
43	10	54	2	73	3	56	..
44	16	118	1	74	2	52	..
45	44	314	6	75	2	29	1
46	10	63	..	86	1	1	..
47	11	103	..				
48	21	119	4		779	5317	77
49	9	97	..				

Table showing by decades the number, averages, and percentage of brothers sick at each age, number of weeks' sickness, and age at death, for the three years ending June 30, 1878.

Age.	Total Membership.	No. of Members sick.	No. of weeks' sickness.	Average No. of weeks each member is sick.	No. of deaths.	Average percentage of deaths among those sick.	Average percentage of deaths in total Membership.	Average percentage of sickness in total Membership.
From 21 to 30	830	153	669	4.37	6	3.92	.72	18.19
" 31 to 40	864	224	1309	5.84	22	9.82	2.54	25.92
" 41 to 50	450	191	1333	6.98	17	8.90	3.77	42.44
" 51 to 60	217	117	851	7.27	13	11.11	6.	54.
" 61 to 70	84	74	768	10.38	16	21.62	20.	85.71
" 71 to 86	26	20	337	19.35	3	15.	11.54	80.
Totals....	2471	779	5317	6.88	77	9.88	3.11	31.52

During these three years the average amount of expense for each member is as follows :

For relief (benefits)	$3.23 per year
" deaths	3.14 " "
" other expenses	4.46 " "
	$10.83
Paid in by each member	10.33
Deficiency	.50

"With the aid of the statistics collected during the past four years, it is proposed to show the average expense of maintaining a Lodge for one year, omitting from the statement the amount paid for funeral benefits, which are raised by assessment. The following summary will show the average number of weeks' sickness, the amount of relief paid, and the expenses for one year, for each one hundred members :

Date.	Weeks' sickness each 100 members.	Relief paid each 100 members.	Other expenses each 100 members.
1874,	72.47	$460 00	$456 00
1875,	70.67	358 00	481 00
1876,	67.	295 00	486 00
1877,	77.50	336 00	456 00
General average	72 weeks	$362 00	$470 00

Average age, 40 years.

"Here we have one hundred members, whose average age is 40 years, among whom there will be seventy-two weeks' sickness, with a benefit of five dollars per week, or three hundred and sixty dollars for the year. The expenses, including amount paid for rent, will be four hundred and seventy dollars per year, or a total of eight hundred and thirty dollars. This will make the yearly dues of each member eight dollars and thirty cents, or sixteen cents per week.

"In practice, taking the expenses of some of the largest Lodges for the year just closed, as a basis for calculation, we find that each member, to meet the outlay of his Lodge, should pay weekly dues as follows : Delaware Lodge, 15½ cents ; Jefferson, 10¾ cents ; Mechanics, 24 cents ; Fairfax, 20 cents; Brandywine, 12 cents ; Hope, 16 cents ; Asylum, 9½ cents ; Columbia, 11 cents ; and Centreville, the youngest Lodge in the jurisdiction, 8 cents. Those who wish to place their Lodge finances in sound condition should give heed to these figures. Other jurisdictions are already moving in this direction, and the day may not be far distant when the Grand Lodge of the United States may impose restrictions that will have a salutary effect. Would it not be well to anticipate them?"

From the above tables, the following analysis, showing the percentage of sickness in each decade of ages, proves incontestably the existence of the law of constantly increasing average in relation to sickness, and the necessity of providing for its operation whilst the members are young.

Ages.	Members.	No. of weeks Sick.	Average number of weeks' sickness of members if divided among the whole membership of each class of ages.
21 to 30	830	669	3 days, 11 hours, and 22 minutes.
31 " 40	864	1309	1 week, 3 days, 14 hours, and 32 minutes.
41 " 50	450	1333	2 weeks, 6 days, 18 hours, and 6 minutes.
51 " 60	217	851	3 weeks, 6 days, 9 hours, and 4 minutes.
61 " 70	84	768	9 weeks and 1 day.
71 " 86	26	387	14 weeks, 5 days, and 6 hours.
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In presenting the information that has been gathered as the experience of the Order in Pennsylvania, special attention is called to the compilations of the average sickness of the past five years. Facts stand out in bold relief, and the conclusions force themselves upon the consideration of all who will take the trouble to examine the tables.

The Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, in his report made May, 1878, thus speaks:

"The semi-annual reports in relation to the number of weeks' sickness have been again carefully collated, and the results are herewith presented. The number of weeks' sickness of members in good standing amounted during the past year to 66,065. The general average of sickness among the members of the Order drawing benefits, being 77 39-100 weeks for every 100 members. To state the matter in a different form, if the sickness had been distributed among the membership, each member would have been sick five days, ten hours, and one minute, being an increase over the preceding year of twenty-two hours' and twenty-five minutes' sickness per member.

Lodges numbering from	WEEKS' SICKNESS. First Term.	Second Term.	Total Weeks' Sickness.	Number of Members.	Weeks' Sickness each 50 Lodges, every 100 members.	Weeks' Sickness every 100 Lodges, each 100 members.
No. No.						
1 to 50 inclusive	5208	5062	10270	8265	124.26	111.61
51 " 100 "	4193	4028	8221	8303	99.01	
101 " 150 "	3679	3572	7251	6963	104.14	96.83
151 " 200 "	2731	2397	5128	5821	88.09	
201 " 250 "	2432	2480	4912	5743	85.53	89.06
251 " 300 "	2365	2105	4470	4791	93.30	
301 " 350 "	2184	1845	4029	4776	84.36	75.84
351 " 400 "	1583	1619	3202	4758	67.30	
401 " 450 "	1348	1087	2435	3811	63.89	70.33
451 " 500 "	1493	1601	3094	4050	76 40	
501 " 550 "	1292	1251	2543	3995	63.65	66.67
551 " 600 "	1332	1327	2659	3808	69.83	
601 " 650 "	537	461	998	2869	34.79	45.43
651 " 700 "	1188	832	2020	3774	53.52	
701 " 750 "	667	598	1265	3098	40.83	41.68
751 " 800 "	575	553	1128	2643	42.68	
801 " 850 "	519	509	1028	2688	38.24	37.90
851 " 900 "	593	474	1067	2840	37.57	
901 " 950 "	153	192	345	2365	14.59	

"General average, Lodges, No. 1 to 950=77 39.

"Weeks' sickness in every 100 members during the year, 66,065.

"General average of sickness in 1873	62.25
" " " " 1874	62.91
" " " " 1875	67.22
" " " " 1876	64.47
" " " " 1877	77.39

"The average sickness in the first fifty Lodges for the past five years, was as follows:

In 1873	98.33	weeks	for	each	100 members.
In 1874	98.20	"	"	"	"
In 1875	107.43	"	"	"	"
In 1876	121.51	"	"	"	"
In 1877	124.26	"	"	"	"

"The average sickness in the first hundred Lodges for the past five years, was as follows:

In 1873	87 65	weeks	for	each	100 members.
In 1874	88.78	"	"	"	"
In 1875	95.82	"	"	"	"
In 1876	105.44	"	"	"	"
In 1877	111.61	"	"	"	"

"That this law of increase is not confined to the oldest Lodges, but that it governs the demand in all Lodges, or will do so, is apparent from the following exhibit:

"The average sickness in the Lodges numbering from 501 to 601 (instituted between February 20, 1854, and May 13, 1867), was as follows:

In 1873	53 04	weeks'	sickness	per	100 members.
In 1874	56 02	"	"	"	"
In 1875	55.35	"	"	"	"
In 1876	58.30	"	"	"	"
In 1877	66.67	"	"	"	"

"The average sickness in the Lodges numbering 701 to 801 (instituted between January 28, 1869, and May 24, 1872), was as follows:

In 1873	36.31	weeks'	sickness	per	100 members.
In 1874	33.84	"	"	"	"
In 1875	38.76	"	"	"	"
In 1876	42 38	"	"	"	"
In 1877	41.68	"	"	"	"

"Thus it will be seen that after making due allowance for the causes that produce fluctuations, that the existence of a law that regulates the demand for sick benefits is as clear as any mathematical demonstration can be made. In the Lodges numbering from 1 to 100, the increase in five years was twenty-four weeks for each one hundred members.

"In the Lodges numbering from 501 to 601, the increase during the same period of time was thirteen weeks, whilst in the Lodges numbering from 701 to 801 the increase was five weeks. Thus showing that the ratio of increase in five years was greatest in the oldest Lodges, and least in the younger Lodges. Nothing can be clearer than the fact thus demonstrated by the experience of the Order, that in every Lodge there will be an increased demand for benefits in the future as the Lodges grow older, and that the ratio of increase will change and be enlarged with each decade of years, until the maximum demand is reached, to meet which a large reserve fund will be needed, or extraordinary contributions must then be required from the members to pay sick benefits, or there will be a defunct Lodge, with aged members thrown upon the cold charity of the world. Will brethren, who have a controlling influence in their Lodges, read and be wise in season, is

the spontaneous inquiry, as this great underlying law of constantly increasing average is making itself known and felt.

"When the idea of calling upon the Lodges to give the 'number of weeks for which benefits were paid' was first broached it was thought to be too simple to be practically useful, that something further was needed, more in detail, and elaborating the matter more fully; but the experience of five years shows that what has been asked for is not beyond the capacity of the most ordinary Secretary to furnish, and that the number of weeks' benefits paid is the key that opens the whole subject of dues and benefits to the most casual inquirer. Nothing but ignorance and short-sighted selfishness now stands in the way of a great reform that will place every Lodge upon an enduring and perfectly solvent basis, if but ordinary business precautions are observed in relation to the security of the investments. A Lodge that has been in existence for some years can go back, year after year, and ascertain what has been paid in each year for benefits, the law of progressive increase, as set forth in the experience tables of the Order, will inevitably appear. The ratio of increase can be applied to the future, and the Lodge can thus tell what the probable demands will be upon it in ten, twenty, or thirty years hence, and make provision in due season to meet the demands that time will inevitably bring in its train.

"There have been cases in years past where Lodges, having a fair reserve fund on hand, the members have thought that it was larger than necessary, and have been persuaded by certain unscrupulous members to divide the fund. Apart from the dishonesty of appropriating a trust fund that belonged not to the well and hearty, but should have been kept sacred for the sick and distressed, the folly of such conduct becomes apparent; in the light of experience every dollar thus abstracted will be needed in carrying out the legitimate office work of the Lodge, in visiting the sick and in relieving the distressed. No Lodge, however large its funds may be, has a dollar that will not eventually be called for in fulfilment of the contract made with the individual members.

"The heavy demand for benefits has compelled many Lodges to reduce the amount of the weekly allowance to sick members. This action has, in most instances, been unavoidable, and is the natural result of a want of forethought and prudence in the past, which it is one of the objects of establishing a wise and scientific relationship between dues and benefits to obviate in the future, so that the amount of benefits awarded shall be a substantial and reliable aid in times of sickness and distress. It was never designed that the beneficial system of the Order should furnish a support as complete and as ample as the income of the member when in health; to endeavor to make it so would be too great a temptation for slothful but designing men, a few of whom would exhaust the funds of a Lodge, and leave the worthy, industrious, but unfortunate members, nothing to rely upon in their hours of sickness and disability. Benefits are designed to be an aid, a help, an assistance, when a member cannot follow his usual avocation. 'The payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of the Order, has made our organization so eminently successful.' It has, therefore, been authoritatively declared, that 'it is the right and duty of Subordinates to tax their members, that they may be enabled to grant stipulated weekly benefits to sick members.' It follows, therefore, that Lodges who bear the name of the Order should illustrate its 'distinguishing characteristic,' and perform the 'duty' which their office work requires. The promised payment of a paltry pittance that is of no benefit to the sick, is simply an evasion of duty and a disregard of 'the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship.' To send forth a brother with a card, recommending him to the 'friendship and protection' of sister Lodges, and declaring that the laws of the Lodge allow ten cents per week for benefits when the brother is sick, is an unsubstantial, hollow mockery, that brings sorrow and reproach as its

results, and throws the entire burden of relief upon others. No Lodge in this jurisdiction has reduced the benefits to the paltry pittance named, but it behooves those Lodges that have been compelled to reduce to the lowest rate permitted in this jurisdiction, to strive to create a financial condition by economy and prudence, and a proper regulation upon the all-important subject of dues and benefits, that will make the latter a help in times of sickness, and give every member the comforting assurance that if the waves of trouble should roll over him, that his Lodge has not only the will, but the means to render him aid; that let him live as long as he may, his Lodge will outlast him, and always have the ability to help when aid is needed. This is the aim and the object of the continual recurrence to the subject of the experience of the Order in relation to the necessity and the advantages of establishing a scale of dues and benefits that will cause no disappointments, but that will be a substantial good, and be as enduring as the 'moral precepts' of Odd Fellowship."

In Australia, Table C of Messrs. LESLIE and BLACK has been adopted, experience having proved the former rates to have been insufficient. The sick benefits allowed after twelve months' membership are $5 per week for the first six months, $2.50 per week for the second six months, and $1.25 per week thereafter. The Funeral Benefits are $100 on death of a member, $50 on death of a member's wife (for one wife only). Initiation Fees, eighteen to twenty-five years, $5; twenty-six to thirty, $6.25; thirty-one to forty, $7.50; forty-one to forty-five, $10.

The contributions or dues vary according to the age of members at the time they join the Lodge, and the contributions are set apart or divided into specific funds. The management expenses are fifteen cents per week, which is made up out of initiations and honorary members' fees, and the weekly dues of the members. If the management expenses exceed fifteen cents, an extra assessment must be made upon the members to make up the deficiency, for the other funds cannot be touched to pay management expenses.

The committee beg leave to present the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, JOHN B. HARMON, ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, "That a form of ceremonies and obligations be prepared and promulgated for use in consolidation of Encampments, there appearing to be no such form now in existence," respectfully report that they believe the same inexpedient, and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LINDSLEY, JOHN N. GALE, C. M. BUSBEE,
JOHN H. WHITE, A. B. CRANE, JOSHUA J. WALTON,
JOHN CHARLTON.

Rep. MILLER, of Dakota, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the papers in the matter of the appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, I. O. O. F., having carefully considered the matter from the papers submitted, beg leave to report the following as our finding in said case, to wit:

1. We find that Bro. DWIGHT G. PARKER, on June 13, 1878, made a claim on the said Ancient Brothers Lodge, of which he was then a member, for sick benefits from on or about February 25, 1878, up to June 13, 1878.

2. That at the time he make said claim and for the period covering the time from February 25, 1878, to June 13, 1878, and for some time prior thereto, he was in good standing in said Lodge, having paid all his dues and being entitled to benefits.

3. It appears that said Lodge refused to pay Bro. PARKER benefits, for the reason that he was not entitled thereto, not having recovered from an illness contracted during the time he was in arrears, whilst the evidence shows that the Lodge had subsequently to said sickness first contracted (the result of an accident) paid him benefits. That whilst in good standing, and continuing so, he is again taken sick—partly the result of old injury as claimed by the Lodge—whilst the evidence shows it to be the result of a fresh cold, and that aggravated an old malady, from which he had sufficiently recovered to engage in business.

Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of the said Grand Lodge of Maine be sustained, and therefore move the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, in the matter of DWIGHT G. PARKER *vs.* Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, State of Maine, in the matter of sick benefits, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. MILLER, A. T. MCKINNEY, GEORGE H. BIGELOW,
WM. W. MORRIS, A. F. CRAIG, E. H. SPENCER,
WM. WALLACE LEE, COLIN M. BOYD.

Rep. CRAIG, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, having considered the appeal of F. M. LAUGHTON, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, would respectfully report that on the 4th day of August, 1875, Bro. WM. W. CASTLE was a member in good standing of a Lodge in Ohio. That on that day he was admitted a charter member of Belfast Lodge, No. 41; that he did not have a Withdrawal Card, but the Grand Master waived the presence of the card upon Bro. CASTLE's promise to subsequently file it with the Grand Secretary, which was done, and found to have been issued August 9, 1875, five days subsequent to his gaining admission to Belfast Lodge. According to the laws of our Order, a brother cannot be a member of two Subordinate Lodges at the same time, and the Grand Master erred in waiving the presence of the card and permitting the brother to be admitted without it. But it does not appear that the fault was that of the brother, and hence he should not be discharged from membership.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine be sustained, and the appeal of Bro. LAUGHTON dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. CRAIG, E. H. SPENCER, COLIN M. BOYD,
JOHN M. PRICE, WM. W. MORRIS, GEORGE H. BIGELOW,
A. T. MCKINNEY, JOHN H. OBERLY, E. W. MILLER,
WM. WALLACE LEE.

Rep. BOYD, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

On appeal of S. J. PESOA, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, we find the following facts:

At the annual meeting of one of the District Grand Committees in the city of New York, the District Deputy Grand Master, whose duty by law is to preside, was absent; a Past Grand was called upon to preside at the meeting, and took the chair; announcement was made that brothers were in waiting to receive the Past Official Degrees. The Past Grand presiding decided "that the Past Grand presiding could not confer the Past Official Degrees." An appeal was taken to the Grand Committee, who sustained the decision of the Chair. An appeal was then taken to the R. W. Grand Master, who sustained the appeal and reversed the decision of the District Grand Committee. The decision of the Grand Master was reported to the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Appeals, when upon the report of said committee, the decision of the Grand Master was sustained. From that decision Bro. S. J. PESOA appeals to this body.

Your committee find upon a careful examination of the subject-matter, that District Grand Committees in the State of New York are constituted under the provisions of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and these bodies have been in existence in either one of the Grand Lodges in that State since 1850. They were then incorporated in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, and were approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States. At the union of the two Grand Lodges of the State of New York, the District Committees were still continued. In accordance with their By-Laws, these Grand Committees have always opened and worked in the Past Noble Grand's Degree, and that is one of the tests of membership in those bodies. No provision is made by law for the District Deputy Grand Master to confer these degrees except at the meetings of the District Committees. If the ruling of the Past Grand presiding was correct, the effect would be to deprive members of a constitutional right, viz.: to participate in the business of the committee. But your committee are of opinion that this appeal should not be entertained by this Grand Lodge. We regard it as a question of the construction of a local law, and we therefore hold that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is the proper place to examine and decide the same, and they having done so, their decision is and should be final. We therefore respectfully request to be discharged from the further consideration of said appeal. Respectfully submitted,

COLIN M. BOYD,	WM. W. MORRIS,	E. W. MILLER,
WM. WALLACE LEE,	GEO. H. BIGELOW,	JOHN M. PRICE,
JOHN H. OBERLY,	A. F. CRAIG,	E. H. SPENCER.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Grand Encampment, to encourage and render more efficient the organization of Uniformed Patriarchs in Subordinate Encampments, additional legislation is required by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the following particulars:

1st. To adopt and prescribe a uniform system or Manual of Tactics and Drill for the use of such organizations.

2d. To authorize such organizations to elect their own officers, and to adopt rules and by-laws for their own government not inconsistent with the laws of the Encampment.

3d. To enable such organizations to impose dues and assessments upon their members for necessary expenses, in addition to those due the Encampment, and to enforce the payment thereof.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge upon that Grand Body the adoption of appropriate legislation for the accomplishment of these ends.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

In the matter of the appeal of GEORGE EDWARDS, P. G. M., against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, beg leave to report the facts to be as follows: Palatine Lodge was formed of members from Marion Lodge, and to assist Palatine Lodge in organizing, Marion Lodge made it a donation of $100, on condition that the Grand Lodge should confirm the legality of said donation.

The Grand Lodge decided that said donation was a division of Lodge funds, and therefore illegal and void.

It is from this decision that this appeal is taken.

Section 551 of Digest reads: "Donations made to assist petitioning brothers or Patriarchs by the parent or other Lodges or Encampments, is allowable, and is in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge or Encampment."

This being the case, it is evident that the Grand Lodge erred in its decision, and its action should be reversed. We therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the action of Marion Lodge in donating $100 to Palatine Lodge on the 7th of April, 1877, to assist in organizing, is legal, and that said donation be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,	W. H. THOMPSON,	JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
WM. S. DAVIS,	W. G. DYE,	NATHAN TAYLOR,
WM. H. BAGLEY,	H. D. WALKER,	WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. WILLISTON, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Returns would respectfully report that they have examined the several returns submitted to them, and as the result of such examination find and report as correct the following:

FROM THE GRAND LODGES OF

Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, B. N. A., Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Swit-

zerland, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

GRAND LODGES NOT REPORTING.—Chile.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The reports from the Subordinate Lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are correct except the following :

Paradise, No. 2, New Mexico ; not under seal.

Albert, No. 5, Montreal ; not under seal. Not signed by the Noble Grand or Vice Grand. Reports forty-seven members; should report forty-eight.

Pioneer, No. 7, Richmond, Province of Quebec ; not signed by the Noble Grand.

Harmony, No. 3, Honolulu ; not under seal.

SUBORDINATE LODGES NOT REPORTING.

Arizona, No. 1, Prescott, Arizona.
Thomas Wildey, No. 1, London, England.
North Star, No. 2, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Provincial Degree, No. 1, Montreal.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Your committee further find and report that the returns from the following Grand Encampments are correct, viz.:

Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

And errors in the reports of the following jurisdictions :

Arkansas, no report other than the number of members December 31, 1876; District of Columbia, not under seal; Colorado, North Carolina, and Oregon, no report as to amount paid for relief ; Vermont, number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid not reported.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS NOT REPORTING.—South Carolina.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

No reports have been received from the following Subordinate Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, viz.:

Southern Watch, No. 1, Valparaiso, Chile; Anglo-American, No. 1, London, England; Milicete, No. 11, St. John, New Brunswick ; Harmony, No. 1, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The reports from all other Subordinate Encampments are correct.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

Returns have been received from the following jurisdictions :

Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Your committee would call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland are held on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WILLISTON, C. A. ROBBE, C. MILLER,
CHAS. C. PEARCE, B. NEWMAN, WM. N. ANDREW.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee to whom was referred the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, embodied in the following:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their best efforts to have the laws so changed that officers of Subordinate Encampments may be elected for one year, instead of six months," would respectfully report, that having fully considered the subject, they are satisfied it is a question that should be left to local legislation of State Grand Bodies. They therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies are permitted, if they shall deem it for the best interest of Subordinates, to make the term of office one year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, F. P. DANN, ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. DOUGLASS, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, the first clause of which relates to the fixing of a uniform system or manual of tactics and drill for the use of Patriarchs in Subordinate Encampments, would suggest that this matter is already in the hands of a committee raised for this purpose.

On the second and third clauses of this resolution, viz., "to authorize organizations to elect their own officers and to draft rules and by-laws for their own government not inconsistent with the laws of the Encampment, and to enable such organizations to impose dues or assessments upon their members for necessary expenses in addition to those due the Encampment, and to enforce the payment thereof," your committee would ask leave to report that they deem it inexpedient at the present time to legislate further upon the subject. Therefore,

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. DOUGLASS, JOHN U. PERKINS, ERIE J. LEECH,
F. P. DANN, S. H. BRADLEY, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,
J. W. STEBBINS, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, from the Special Committee on the Memorial from the Lodges in the Indian Territory, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from the Lodges in the Indian Territory, have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to report that in their judgment the prayer of the memorialists cannot at present be granted, because such action would be inconsistent with the 2d Section of Article XVI. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, according to the construction heretofore given to the word "white" by this body, which has been held to be descriptive of the pure white Caucasian race, and not to include persons of mixed blood or of other races or colors. (White's Digest, Sections 1097 to 1100 inclusive.)

Three methods have been suggested on behalf of the memorialists: 1st. That a new construction of the section above referred to be made by this body. 2d. That an Independent Grand Lodge be established in the Indian Territory, with power to prescribe the qualifications for membership in the Order in that jurisdiction. 3d. That said section of our Constitution be amended so that the persons of the class referred to may be admitted into the Order.

The rapid advancement of these civilized tribes of Indians, and the personal character and standing of many of their members, suggest to us as legislators of an Order based upon the "universal brotherhood of man," the interesting inquiry whether they have made sufficient progress in civilization to warrant their introduction into our great fellowship. The restriction heretofore retained in our Constitution has thus far operated well. But it does not therefore follow that wisdom demands that it shall forever remain the limit of our efforts for the improvement and elevation of humanity.

Your committee deem the first of these methods as indicated above inexpedient, because—other objections being removed—the construction of a constitutional regulation deliberately made and long acquiesced in becomes a law of almost equal dignity with the provision itself, and should not, under ordinary circumstances, be changed.

The organization of an independent Grand Lodge within the limits of our continental jurisdiction, and in close proximity to our State jurisdictions, with extraordinary powers, would be in contravention of a long-established policy of our Order, and is objectionable for other reasons that will readily occur to the mind of any one who gives the matter the least consideration.

We are, therefore, in the judgment of your committee, remitted to the method last indicated—the amendment of our Constitution as the only practical solution of the question thus presented for our determination; and, as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge contemplates that it shall only be amended upon propositions submitted by one or more Representatives from three jurisdictions; and, as such propositions are acted on by this body directly, and not usually referred to a committee, your committee ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. McKinney, J. W. Stebbins, John Ham Perry,
Isaac M. Veitch, Henry F. Garey.

Rep. Elder, of Colorado, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers in the following cases of application for Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

Unity Lodge, No. 8, located at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, and Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, located at Erin Springs, Indian Territory, respectfully report that in each case a Warrant has been issued and the Lodge instituted; therefore

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in issuing the said Warrants be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. Elder, Luther J. Glenn, J. H. Robinson,
Thos. R. Welch, Frank Graham, Wm. E. Hogan,
John Gundaker.

Rep. Graham, of the Lower Provinces, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the matter of an application from Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, beg to report that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners for Denmark Lodge be granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and a Charter issued accordingly, provided the Grand Lodge of the German Empire express their approval of the same previous thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GRAHAM, LUTHER J. GLENN, WILLIAM E. HOGAN,
J. H. ROBINSON, C. P. ELDER, JOHN GUNDAKER,
THOMAS R. WELCH.

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers in the following cases of applications for Subordinate Lodges in Washington Territory, to wit: Ranier Lodge, No. 11, located at New Tacoma; Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, located at Snohomish; Friendship Lodge, No. 13, located at Port Gamble; and Colfax Lodge. No. 14, located at Colfax, respectfully report, that in each case a Warrant has been issued and the Lodges instituted; therefore

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in issuing the said Warrants be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. ELDER, LUTHER J. GLENN, J. H. ROBINSON,
THOS. R. WELCH, FRANK GRAHAM, WM. E. HOGAN,
JOHN GUNDAKER.

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers and application for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Washington, beg to report, that they have made an investigation of this business and find the papers in proper form, and that there is more than a legal number of Lodges to entitle the jurisdiction to a Grand Lodge. We therefore beg to offer the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be instructed to issue a Warrant for the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. ELDER, LUTHER J. GLENN, WILLIAM E. HOGAN,
FRANK GRAHAM, J. H. ROBINSON, JOHN GUNDAKER,
THOS. R. WELCH.

Rep. MULCAHY, of Nevada, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, page 7717, Journal:

"That Subordinate Lodges of the I. O. O. F. be authorized to confer the same honors at the burial of a sister of Rebekah as the burial of a brother Odd Fellow,"

Beg leave to report, that in the opinion of the committee, it is neither desirable nor advisable to adopt the same, but would recommend that a suitable burial service be prepared for a sister of the Degree of Rebekah.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MULCAHY, J. A. MILLER, JOHN F. HAVENNER,
WM. N. FORD, T. S. SPATES, C. F. HILDRETH.

Rep. DRIGGS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the subject of the mission to Australia, beg leave to present the following report:

One year ago there existed, in the jurisdiction of Australia, serious complications which led to the appointment, by this Grand Lodge, of a Special Commissioner to visit that country, with power to act in the premises. Pursuant to this appointment, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, of California, on the 15th of April, 1878, started on his mission, and on the 14th of August landed again on the shores of California, after having accomplished one of the most successful missions ever performed in the history of the Order. We refer the members of the Grand Lodge to the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, in which is fully set forth the vast amount of detail necessary in preparation for the mission, and to the very satisfactory and able report of the Special Commissioner, as showing the work accomplished, and we call especial attention to Exhibit C in this report as a genuine outpouring of grateful hearts for what our Commissioner has done, and as a positive proof of his success. The Commissioner says, "Much could be said about the Order in the Sandwich Islands, and I hope to have a chance to say it when the Grand Lodge is in session, and also to say many things of interest as to Australia and New Zealand, which I do not think best to put in this report." In view of all the facts embodied in the aforementioned reports, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves and ratifies the action of the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Secretary in issuing the Charter to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and all acts performed by them incident thereto.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves and ratifies the action of Special Commissioner HARMON, Deputy Grand Sire, in establishing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and all acts incident thereto as reported by him.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge congratulates Australia and New Zealand upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and commends that Lodge to the earnest support of the brotherhood there, being confident that Odd Fellowship in those countries will never become fully developed unless it be guided and controlled by a strong, supreme Lodge, having its home on that continent.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, and especially to the officers thereof, for their prompt and intelligent action in furthering the efforts of the Special Commissioner, Deputy Grand Sire HARMON, in adjusting all differences.

Resolved, That the copy of the secret work and diagrams, heretofore delivered by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Australia, should now pass to the Grand Lodge of Australasia.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to Bro. SAMUEL P. LORD, American Vice Consul-General at Melbourne, for his courtesy in placing at the disposal of the Deputy Grand Sire one of the rooms of the Consulate while he was in that city, and for other attentions.

Resolved, That the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M., Friday, be set apart to hear the verbal report of Deputy Grand Sire HARMON.

Respectfully submitted.

T. I. DRIGGS, W. A. NEWELL, TAL. P. SHAFFNER,
WM. J. MILLER, J. R. MILLER, A. D. MEACHAM,
J. R. HARWELL.

Rep. MILLER, of West Virginia, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, introduced by Rep. PRICE, of that State, asking "an amendment to the laws governing the Degree of Rebekah so that sisters of that degree may be enabled to retain their membership irrespective of the standing of their husbands in the Order," respectfully report that we find such law already exists, Digest, Section 509d.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MILLER, T. S. SPATES, JOHN F. HAVENNER,
C. F. HILDRETH, P. H. MULCAHY, W. B. KENNEDY.

Rep. DANN, of California, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. BEATTY, of California, relative to a translation of the ritual of the Order into the Italian language, would respectfully report:

That this Grand Lodge, at its session of 1877, page 7508, in a report upon the subject of translating our ritual into other languages, says, "We do not recommend any change in the policy so long pursued, to permit and authorize translations whenever a respectable number of good citizens of any nationality desire to avail themselves of the advantages of our Order." Recognizing this principle, we would offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That there be a translation of the ritual into the Italian language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at the next session.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DANN, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, ERIE J. LEECH,
S. H. BRADLEY. JOHN T. GIVEN, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, Washington Territory, adopted May 1, 1878, and Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington Territory, adopted June 13, 1878; also the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, adopted October 26, 1876; also the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, adopted March 6, 1878; also the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, adopted October, 1877; also the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, adopted May 23, 1878; also the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, adopted September, 1877; also the amendment to the Constitution of Centennial Encampment, No. 3, Santa Fe, New Mexico, adopted October 3, 1877, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, Washington Territory, adopted May 1, 1878, and Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington Territory, adopted June 13, 1878; the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, adopted October 25, 1876; the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, adopted March 6, 1878; the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, adopted October, 1877; the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, adopted May 23, 1878; the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, adopted September, 1877; the amendments to the Constitution of Centennial Encampment, No. 3, Santa Fe, N. M., adopted October 3, 1877, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, D. W. BRERETON, D. B. WOODRUFF,
PETER S. HOFFMAN, GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

Rep. STAFFORD, of Texas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance present the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies of this Grand Body shall consist of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and three of the Representatives from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Maryland, to be designated by the M. W. Grand Sire, and that the chairman and secretary of said committee shall be selected from its own members.

Resolved, That all resolutions heretofore adopted on this subject be and the same are hereby repealed. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, M. R. MUCKLE, M. J. DURHAM,
GEO. HASKINS, W. L. SWEENEY, I. C. STAFFORD,
JOHN E. MCCAHAN, WM. J. MILLER, JOHN GIBSON.

Rep. GIBSON, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills,

beg leave to report that they have duly examined the same, and recommend the payment thereof, viz.:

John W. Stokes, M. W. Grand Sire, Traveling Expenses, Postage, &c						$	61 75
Rep. Jno. W. Stebbins, Committee on Revision of Degrees,							103 35
" Jos. Kidder,	"	"	"	"	"		92 00
" C. N. Hickok,	"	"	"	"	"		40 60
" J. D. Cleaver,	"	"	"	"	"		20 00

They also present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Bro. JOSEPH F. SCHWEITZER, Janitor of the Hall, the sum of twenty-five dollars for services during the present session of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, GEORGE HASKINS, JOHN E. MCCAHAN,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, W. L. SWEENEY, WM. J. MILLER,
M. J. DURHAM, I. C. STAFFORD, JOHN GIBSON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee have fully considered the query proposed to this body by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, submitted by Rep. OBERLY, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to ask the Grand Lodge of the United States whether such a system is in accordance with existing fundamental law."

This resolution is explained by the draft of a Grand Lodge Constitution for Illinois, consisting of ten Articles and fifty-eight Sections, which has been printed and submitted to your committee. We are then called upon to examine the draft in question to see if its provisions are in accordance with organic law. Without going into the details of each Article and Section of the proposed Constitution, we are satisfied to rest our opinion upon Article IV., which is clearly at variance with our system as an Order. That Article divides the State into three divisions, the Southern, the Central, and the Northern, as three separate grand divisions. In each grand division the Grand Lodge of the State is authorized to charter a Grand Division Lodge.

These Grand Division Lodges are given jurisdiction within their respective territories to hear and determine appeals; to redress grievances of Lodges and members, and to legislate for the Order, their decisions to be binding unless reversed by the Grand Lodge, or in recess by the Grand Master of the State. The officers of these four singular bodies are respectively styled, Right Worthy Grand Division Master, Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Guardian, and Herald.

We find no warrant for such action in Odd Fellowship. No such Charters would be lawful, and no such officers could be recognized. Grand Lodges can only issue Charters to Subordinate Lodges and Degree Lodges, and the officers to be known and recognized in the Order have been carefully selected and designated. No officer can exist as is here contemplated, and the attempt to create such is without authority. We report as follows:

Resolved, That the draft or form of a proposed Constitution submitted to us by the Grand Lodge of Illinois is not such a Grand Lodge Constitution as can be legally adopted in that or any other jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, W. R. HAZLETT, A. R. COURTNEY,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, JOHN F. VAN NORT,
JOHN HAM PERRY, FRANK G. BEATTY, JOHN MORGAN.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, presented by Rep. TAYLOR, of that jurisdiction, viz.: "Has the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts the right to provide a dinner for its members while at its session and pay for the same from the funds of the Grand Encampment?" beg leave to report: The Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts are silent on the subject. In addition to the want of authority in the laws of the jurisdiction, we think the spirit of Section 106a, White's Digest, clearly prohibits any such expenditure of the funds of said Grand Encampment. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, JOHN MORGAN,
HENRY F. GAREY, W. R. HAZLETT, JOHN F. VAN NORT,
FRANK G. BEATTY, A. R. COURTNEY, J. HAM PERRY.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a question propounded by the Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, as to the constitutionality of certain resolutions adopted by his Grand Lodge, in 1875, beg leave to report:

That in the first place we have no certified copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois before us, and in the second place the query is not properly before this body. Article XXIX. of our By-Laws forbids us to consider "any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, *or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.*"

In view of this provision, we must express our surprise that Representatives should bring such informal matters where they do not properly belong. We ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY, SAMUEL F. GWINNER, A. R. COURTNEY,
M. D. HERRING, J. HAM PERRY, JOHN F. VAN NORT,
W. R. HAZLETT, FRANK G. BEATTY, JOHN MORGAN.

Rep. HOGAN, of Maine, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Warrant and the return thereon in the matter of the institution of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, at Amsterdam, Holland, would respectfully report that they have examined the return and find the same correct. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. HOGAN, FRANK GRAHAM, THOS. R. WELCH,
LUTHER J. GLENN, J. H. ROBINSON, C. P. ELDER,
JOHN GUNDAKER.

Rep. WELCH, of Arkansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions have had before them the petition of Unity Encampment, No. 2, at Seattle, Washington Territory, asking to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Unity Encampment, No. 2, located at Seattle, Washington Territory, be and is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, the latter body consenting thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS R. WELCH, JOHN GUNDAKER, WILLIAM E. HOGAN,
LUTHER J. GLENN, FRANK GRAHAM, C. P. ELDER,
J. H. ROBINSON.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the following subject, respectfully report:

1st. As to the services and expenses of D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, in regard to the organization of the Order in Holland, as particularly explained by the R. W. Grand Secretary, on page 7543, recommending the further appropriation of two hundred dollars.

The committee has given special consideration to the above subject, and recommend the payment of one hundred dollars; but in doing so, the committee does not wish to establish a precedent recognizing any obligation to pay expenses hereafter incurred for introducing the Order or opening Lodges in any country.

2d. The extraordinary expenses incurred on and for the introduction of the Order in Denmark, as particularly explained by the R. W. Grand Secretary, page 7597.

The committee has learned the particulars respecting the expenses referred to, and they recommend the payment of one hundred dollars, as suggested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, T. I. DRIGGS, J. R. MILLER,
W. A. NEWELL, WM. J. MILLER, A. D. MEACHAM,
J. R. HARWELL.

Rep. HAZLETT, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as follows: "That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to obtain the correct intent of the laws passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in relation to 'Dues and Benefits,'" have had the same under

consideration, and would report that to your committee this law appears very plain and is not ambiguous, and inasmuch as the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts does not refer to any special cause or section which they wish explained, they respectfully report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HAZLETT, SAMUEL F. GWINNER, A. R. COURTNEY,
HENRY F. GAREY, JOHN F. VAN NORT, JOHN HAM PERRY,
M. D. HERRING, JOHN MORGAN.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report in reference to the form for Annual Proclamation, found on page 7534, beg leave to report, that as the occasion and the circumstances which called forth the former form of proclamation no longer exist, and as our institution does not partake of a religious character, its form of proclamation should not similate that character. We therefore recommend that the form of proclamation now suggested by the M. W. Grand Sire, called "Anniversary Proclamation," be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS, WM. LUCAS, JOSHUA DAVIS,
GEO. H. SPORMAN, L. T. MINTURN.

Rep. DAVIS, of Arkansas, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., and member of Grand Lodge of Montana, in the case of WM. J. AUERBACH, N. G., *vs.* Excelsior Lodge, No. 5, of that jurisdiction, beg leave to report that, after duly considering this case, we find as follows:

Bro. C. M. KENCK, a member in good standing of said Excelsior Lodge, while visiting in the National Park and Yellow Stone region, was killed. His body was recovered, brought back to Helena, Montana, and buried.

Section 3 of the By-Laws of said Lodge reads:

"On the death of a member in good standing the sum of seventy-five dollars shall be allowed for funeral expenses."

The brother was a member in good standing, died, was buried, and we hold his family was entitled to and should have received for funeral expenses the amount Section 3 of the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge prescribes, it being by no means material that that Lodge should have authorized the expenditure of all or any part of the funeral expenses; or, as a Lodge, attended his funeral. We would therefore respectfully recommend that the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. DAVIS, JAMES WOODYATT, W. H. THOMPSON,
NATHAN TAYLOR, WM H. BAGLEY, JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
WM. S. JOHNSON, H. D. WALKER.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolutions proposed at the last session of your R. W. Grand Body by Rep. DANN, of California, submitting a plan for the general relief of distressed members, &c., and upon which the Legislative Committee of that session reported, but on said report the Grand Lodge failed to take action, and which proposed plan is herewith quoted for information, to wit:

"WHEREAS, The membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has greatly increased and is rapidly augmenting in numbers, and the members of this Order are, in common with their fellow-men, subject to the ordinary and inevitable vicissitudes of life, some organized and equitable system of relief, prompt and effective in action, and at the same time sufficiently comprehensive to meet existing and prospective exigencies, has become imperatively necessary; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby required to cause to be established, by appropriate legislation within their respective jurisdictions, a General Relief Committee, so organized as will enable it to meet the requirements for relief found to exist in the Order.

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges shall be authorized to lay and collect a general tax per capita upon the membership in their respective jurisdictions, for the purposes of such General Relief Committee, as may be found necessary for the uses of such committee.

"*Resolved*, That for the purpose of carrying into practical operation the objects and design of the foregoing resolutions, the following plan of government, intercourse, and exchange be and the same is hereby adopted.

"1st. That a General Relief Committee in each jurisdiction be constituted by the annual election of two delegates from each Subordinate Lodge within such jurisdiction, one of whom shall be a Past Grand.

"2d. The Representatives from the principal town or city within each jurisdiction shall constitute the Central Executive Branch of the General Relief Committee, through which the affairs of said committee with other jurisdictions shall be transacted.

"3d. Representatives from other Lodges shall constitute executive branches of said committee, representing the same within their respective localities.

"4th. All Executive Branches of the General Relief Committee in each jurisdiction, when a sojourning brother has been under their care, shall draw upon the Central Executive Branch in their own Grand Jurisdiction for the amount expended by them for the relief or burial of such brother.

"5th. All amounts expended in the relief or burial of sojourning brothers shall be refunded by the Central Executive Branch of said committee in the same Grand Jurisdiction where said sojourning brother holds membership. Such Central Executive Branch may collect from the Lodge, where such sojourning brother holds membership, such amount as he may be entitled to receive from the funds of said Lodge under their By-Laws, and the balance, if any, shall be paid from the general fund.

"6th. Any sums advanced or given otherwise than for the relief of the sick or burial of the dead, may be charged to the individual account of the brother to whom such relief shall have been granted, and his obligation transmitted to the Lodge of which he is a member, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to collect and transmit the same to the committee granting such relief."

Have thoroughly considered the subject, and a majority of the committee are of opinion adverse to the plan suggested. There is no doubt about the equity in the suggestions made, but it thinks they are fraught with many serious objections.

1. The system proposed would destroy an integral part of the institution of Odd Fellowship, in changing the law making the Subordinate Lodge the *moneyed unit basis* of the Order, and with power to dispense its relief aid directly, which present law and practice it deems eminently wise, and believes to be one of the strong reasons for the popular success of Odd Fellowship.

2. The resolutions, etc., as quoted, have sprung from and are based upon a feeling to greatly increase, and it fears may lead, if adopted, to an improper and extravagant outlay in the giving of relief. There is no limit to the system proposed, and the amount of relief extended would be varied, and would depend upon the will of the several committees, rather than on any definite law.

3. The adoption of the proposed plan would greatly relieve some open-hearted and very liberal sections, in so much as their liberality over and above the amount refunded by the Lodge to which the relieved brother might belong, would be borne by the jurisdiction instead of the section or Lodge granting overdue aid, and consequently very dangerous legislation.

4. The machinery of the system proposed is much more complicated than the present plain common sense way, and could never be made to work successfully in sparsely settled regions, or where the Lodges of the Order might be scattered.

5. The proposed legislation is unnecessary and in opposition to the organic policy of the Order, as such matters are proper for State action, and it is not the province of this Grand Lodge to enforce on jurisdictions a duty already undertaken to the extent of their ability.

Therefore it considers the proposed legislation unwise and inexpedient, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN T. GIVEN,
JOHN U. PERKINS, J. W. STEBBINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
O. G. DOUGLASS, S. H. BRADLEY.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the preamble and resolutions presented by Rep. BOYD, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, which are quoted as follows:

"WHEREAS, It has become the practice of many Lodges in aiding brethren not entitled to benefits, and the widows of deceased brethren who desire to return to their former homes, or to reach friends and relatives, to furnish them with the means only sufficient to take them to the next principal point on their journey, where among strangers they are compelled to ask additional aid to reach another principal point on their route, and so on to their destination.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodges in the Order be requested to call the attention of the Lodges to this practice, and prohibit them by law from sending their own members, or the widows of their deceased members, to other towns or cities to ask aid of the Order to enable them to pursue their journey.

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to present this subject to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that it be requested to adopt a uniform law upon the subject."

Ask leave to report that it has investigated the matter presented, and thoroughly considered the subject, and cannot believe that the practice complained of exists to any great degree throughout sectional memberships of the Order.

The practice of Lodges, as set forth in the first resolution, is certainly not sufficiently general to justify any legislation concerning it, and we consequently ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN T. GIVEN,
JOHN U. PERKINS, J. W. STEBBINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
O. G. DOUGLASS, S. H. BRADLEY.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to "suspension for non-payment of dues" as is found on pages 7529 and 7530, also so much of the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary's report as relates to the same subject, found on pages 7632 and 7633, also the resolution of Rep. HAVENNER, proposing that suspension for non-payment of dues shall only deprive the member of benefits, respectfully report that having devoted as much time as during the pressing business of this communication they have been able to secure for that purpose, they are unable to propose suitable legislation, if such be required, to meet the evil complained of. It is a subject constantly increasing in magnitude and importance, and should be carefully considered; no hasty legislation should be had thereon. Your committee therefore ask further time to consider the same, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary furnish each of the committee with printed slips containing that part of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER, and that they have leave to present their report thereon at the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, ERIE J. LEECH,
F. P. DANN, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, JOHN U. PERKINS,
JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RAWLINGS, asking a modification of the law of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last session, to be found on page 7462 of the Journal of 1877, respectfully report that said resolution be modified by striking out all after the word "weeks," in the second line, to and including the word "but" in the third line, so that it shall read as follows:

Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment who owes thirteen weeks weekly or funeral dues, is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly or funeral) that have accrued

against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, F. P. DANN, JOHN U. PERKINS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, JOHN T. GIVEN,
ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the matter presented by Rep. BEATTY, of California, asking "an amendment to the funeral service so as to provide appropriate service to be held in the Lodge-room whenever the Lodge shall decide to hold such service," have considered the same and find that it will be impossible for this committee to prepare such amendment during this session, and would report for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject-matter herein contained be referred to a special committee of three to prepare such amendment as is asked for, and report the same to the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that this committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, S. H. BRADLEY, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,
J. W. STEBBINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, O. G. DOUGLASS,
F. P. DANN, JOHN U. PERKINS, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. DAVIS, of Maine, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. A. J. LANGWORTHY, P. G. M., of Wisconsin, to authorize State Grand Lodges to require the Subordinate Lodges in their various jurisdictions to pay a yearly per capita tax on membership of ten cents or more for the purpose of building and maintaining an orphan asylum, either in the State of Mississippi or Louisiana, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

That we have carefully considered the subject, and in our opinion it would be unwise to recommend such legislation; therefore

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA DAVIS, GEO. H. SPORMAN, L. T. MINTURN,
D. N. BARROWS, WM. LUCAS.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the petition of M. J. REILLY, formerly a member of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, of

New Jersey, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that the matters complained of have previously been twice before this Grand Body and been fully considered and acted on, and your committee can find no additional reasons now stated in the petition of said REILLY to justify this Grand Lodge in taking any further action on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS, JOSHUA DAVIS, GEO. H. SPORMAN,
WM. LUCAS, L. T. MINTURN.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 8, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, respectfully report that they have examined the same and submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That so much of the Constitution contained in Article III., Section 1, Clause 1, providing for the election of a Degree Master and Physician, be not approved.

Also, so much of the Constitution contained in Article III., Section 2, Clause 4, providing for the appointment of an Outside Guardian not a member of the Lodge, be not approved.

Also, so much of the Constitution contained in Article VII., Section 1, Clause 2, prescribing a pink collar for the Physician and a white collar for the Chaplain, be not approved.

Also, that so much of Section 7 of the By-Laws, relating to the issuing of Withdrawal Cards by the Noble Grand in cases of urgent necessity, be not approved.

Also, so much of Section 45 of the By-Laws prohibiting the payment of more than twenty-six weeks' benefits to one brother in any one year, be not approved.

Resolved, That, with the exceptions stated in this report, the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 8, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, be and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, D. B. WOODRUFF, GILBERT F. ROBBINS,
D. W. BRERETON, PETER S. HOFFMAN.

Rep. HILDRETH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, to wit: "That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be requested to prepare an appropriate *burial service* on the death of a Daughter of Rebekah, during this session," beg leave to make the following report, viz., that on account of the want of time to prepare a suitable service, they would recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to prepare such a service and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. HILDRETH, J. A. MILLER, JOHN F. HAVENNER,
P. H. MULCAHY, W. B. KENNEDY, WM. N. FORD,
T. S. SPATES.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition presented by Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, from BENJ. C. TRUE, P. G. R., and others from the jurisdiction of Ohio, asking a revision of the degree work, would respectfully report that the matter of revision is now in the hands of a special committee. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE, M. P. LINDSLEY, C. M. BUSBEE,
JOHN H. WHITE, JOHN N. GALE, JOHN CHARLTON,
JOSHUA J. WALTON.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, from the Special Committee on the subject of a new Digest, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your select committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as recommended the compilation of a new Digest of the laws of Odd Fellowship, having carefully considered the subject-matter contained in said recommendation, respectfully suggest that in view of the present financial condition of this R. W. Grand Lodge, no less than that of the Order at large, it is not expedient at this time to legislate as requested, and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. TOMPKINS, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,
C. M. BUSBEE, A. R. COURTNEY.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Encampment Regalia, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The special committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to propose a Street Regalia and reported at this session, as seen on Journal, pages 7730-3, and indefinitely postponed by the Grand Lodge this day, respectfully request that the fact be stated upon the Journal of Proceedings, that the committee asked leave, before the vote of indefinite postponement was taken, to withdraw all the resolutions accompanying said report, and found on page 7732, thereby leaving the use of the proposed regalia to the respective jurisdictions as recommendatory.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JAMES S. TICKNOR,
JOHN T. GIVEN, WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The question contained in the resolution of Rep. SHEIRE, on page 7777, Journal, was decided by Grand Sire STOKES. He held that it was the duty of the Senior Warden to occupy the chair of the Chief Patriarch during his temporary absence, and this decision we think correct, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That the above decision of the Grand Sire be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, JOHN CHARLTON, C. M. BUSBEE,
JOHN N. GALE, M. P. LINDSLEY, A. B. CRANE.

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the draft of proposed Articles of Incorporation of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Province of Quebec, asking for the approval and sanction of this R. W. Grand Lodge thereto, beg leave to report that the particular form, manner, and proceedings necessary to observe by Subordinate Lodges to obtain legal incorporation, are purely questions to be settled and determined under the civil law of each separate State and county in which Subordinate Lodges are situated, and the powers, rights, and privileges to be thereby granted, so long as the same do not vary, change, alter, or interfere with the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, are subjects wholly under the control and direction of State Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges respectively interested. We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAM PERRY, W. R. HAZLETT, JOHN F. VAN NORT,
HENRY F. GAREY, SAMUEL F. GWINNER, A. R. COURTNEY,
M. D. HERRING, FRANK G. BEATTY, JOHN MORGAN.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed to each Officer and Representative in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TICKNOR, GEO. H. SHEARER, L. ANDERSON,
FRANK GRAHAM, J. W. BARRETT, ANTON ZIMMERER.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Place of Nativity.	PROFESSION.	Town or Post-Office.	STATE.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Stokes, J. W., M. W. G. Sire...	N. Jersey..	Lawyer.....	Philadelphia..	Penn.....	98	6	$7 84	$30 00	$37 85
Harmon, J. B., R. W. D. G. Sire	Ohio.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco.	California.	3216	6	257 28	30 00	287 30
Ridgely, J. L., R. W. G. C. & R. S.	Maryland.	Lawyer.....	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
Vansant, Joshua, R. W. G. Treas.	Maryland.	City Comptroller..	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
Ross, T. A., R. W. Ass't G. Sec'y	N. Jersey.	Ass't Grand Sec...	Baltimore	Maryland.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
Venable, J. W., R. W. G. Chap.	Dist. Col..	Clergyman.....	Versailles.....	Kentucky.	718	6	57 44	30 00	87 45
Smith, J. W., R. W. G. Marshal	Mass	Fire Ins. Agent....	Waterbury....	Conn.....	276	6	22 08	30 00	52 10
McQuiddy, J. W., R. W. G. Guar.	Kentucky.	Sec. I. O. O. F. Aid As.	Indianapolis..	Indiana...	701	6	56 08	30 00	86 10
Hudson, J. W., R. W. G. Mess.	New York.	Manufacturer	Madison.....	Wisconsin	978	6	78 24	30 00	108 25
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Anderson, Lindsay.....	Scotland..	Merchant.....	Providence ...	R. Island.	374	6	29 92	30 00	59 90
Andrew, William N.....	Conn.....	Printer.....	Norwich.....	Conn.....	327	6	26 16	30 00	56 15
Backensto, J. F.....	New York.	Millwright.....	Albany	Oregon ...	3869	6	309 52	30 00	339 50
Bagley, William H.....	N. Carolina	Clerk of Sup. Court	Raleigh	N. Carolina	339	6	27 12	30 00	57 10
Barrett, J. W.....	Penn.....	Editor.....	Canton	Missouri..	1061	6	84 88	30 00	114 90
Barrows, D. N.....	Mass.....	Insurance Agent..	Jackson.....	Miss.....	1054	6	84 32	30 00	114 30
Beatty, Frank G.....	Penn.....	Insurance Agent..	Grass Valley ..	California.	3089	6	247 12	30 00	277 10
Beatty, William J.....	Ireland...	Warden Insane Asy	East Portland.	Oregon....	3788	6	303 04	30 00	333 05
Bell, John E.....	Penn.....	Pres. Bd. Pub. Wks.	Cincinnati....	Ohio.....	601	6	48 08	30 00	78 10
Bigelow, George H.....	Canada...	Journalist	Burlington....	Vermont .	492	6	39 36	30 00	69 35

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Blanks, James B	Virginia	Teller	Petersburg	Virginia	179	6	$14 32	$30 00	$44 30
Boyd, Colin M	Scotland	Dep. County Clerk	San Francisco	California	3216	6	257 28	30 00	287 30
Boyles, George B	Tennessee	Lawyer	Fayetteville	Tennessee	773	6	61 84	30 00	91 85
Bradley, S. H	Penn	Judge	Black Hawk	Colorado	1897	6	151 76	30 00	181 75
Brereton, Daniel W	Delaware	Postmaster	Lewes	Delaware	174	6	13 92	30 00	43 90
Busbee, Charles M	N. Carolina	Lawyer	Raleigh	N. Carolina	339	6	27 12	30 00	57 10
Charlton, John	England	Insurance Agent	Lawrence	Kansas	1257	6	100 56	30 00	130 55
Cohen, Albert	Prussia	Watchmaker	Little Rock	Arkansas	1109	6	88 72	30 00	118 70
Courtney, Alfred R	Virginia	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	156	6	12 48	30 00	42 50
Craig, Alonzo F	Maine	Insurance Agent	Portsmouth	N. Hamp.	458	6	36 64	30 00	66 65
Crane, Aaron B	N. Jersey.	Mechanic	Newark	N. Jersey.	177	6	14 16	30 00	44 15
Cummings, George A	New Hamp	Marble Dealer	Concord	N. Hamp.	448	6	35 84	30 00	65 85
Dann, Frederic P	New York.	Lawyer	San Francisco	California.	3216	6	257 28	30 00	287 30
Davis, James L	N. Jersey.	Merchant	Helena	Montana	2900	6	232 00	30 00	262 00
Davis, Joshua	Maine	Grand Secretary	Portland	Maine	510	6	40 80	30 00	70 80
Davis, William S	Penn	Livery Stable	Little Rock	Arkansas	1109	6	88 72	30 00	118 70
Douglass, O. G	Maine	Merchant	Lewiston	Maine	552	6	44 16	30 00	74 15
Driggs, Theodore I	Conn	Manufacturer	Waterbury	Conn	276	6	22 08	30 00	52 10
Dye, Walter G	New York	Publisher	Winona	Minnesota	1137	6	90 96	30 00	120 95
Dyer, Stephen K	Maine	Assessor	Portland	Maine	510	6	40 80	30 00	70 80
Elder, C. P	Penn	Real Estate	Denver	Colorado	1861	6	148 88	30 00	178 90
Eldridge, Job B	N. Jersey.	Township Trustee.	Logansport	Indiana	731	6	58 48	30 00	88 50

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Elliott, Theodore B	New York.	Lawyer	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	922	6	$73 76	$30 00	$103 75
Ford, Jerry C	Ireland	Auctioneer, &c	Lincoln	Nebraska	1382	6	110 56	30 00	140 55
Ford, Wm. Nelson	Canada	Collect. of Customs	St. Mary's	Ontario	548	6	43 84	30 00	73 85
Gale, John N	Vermont.	Supt. Water Works	St. Johnsbury	Vermont.	532	6	42 56	30 00	72 55
Garey, Henry F	Maryland.	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland		6		30 00	30 00
Gibson, John	Scotland.	Baker	Stratford	Ontario	538	6	43 04	30 00	73 05
Given, John T	Dist. Col.	Merchant	Washington	Dist. Col.	40	6	3 20	30 00	33 20
Glenn, Luther J	Georgia	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	689	6	55 12	30 00	85 10
Graham, Frank	Mass	Book-keeper	Halifax	N. Scotia	1166	6	93 28	30 00	123 30
Gundaker, John	Penn	Mechanic	Davenport	Iowa	1023	6	81 84	30 00	111 85
Gwinner, Samuel F	Penn	Lawyer	Taylorsville	Penn	141	6	11 28	30 00	41 30
Harwell, John R	Tennessee	Grand Secretary	Nashville	Tennessee	815	6	65 20	30 00	95 20
Haskins, George	New York.	Jewelry	New York	New York	188	6	15 04	30 00	45 05
Havenner, John F	Dist. Col.	Baker	Washington	Dist. Col.	40	6	3 20	30 00	33 20
Havens, Luke M	Ohio	Book-keeper	Fort Scott	Kansas	1240	6	99 20	30 00	129 20
Haynie, James A	Tenn.	Merchant	Waco	Texas	1604	6	128 32	30 00	158 30
Hazlett, William R	Ohio	Manufacturer	Zanesville	Ohio	454	6	36 32	30 00	66 30
Hearn, W. C	Alabama.	Minister	Huntsville	Alabama.	761	6	60 88	30 00	90 90
Henderson, Amos	Illinois.	Clerk	Jacksonville	Illinois.	971	6	77 68	30 00	107 70
Herring, M. D	Miss.	Lawyer	Waco	Texas	1604	6	128 32	30 00	158 30
Hickok, Charles N	New York.	Dentist	Bedford	Penn	215	6	17 20	30 00	47 20
Hildreth, Charles F	Mass	Physician	Suncook	N. Hamp.	439	6	35 12	30 00	65 10

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Hockin, Robert	N. Scotia	Merchant	Pictou	N. Scotia	1160	6	$92 80	$30 00	$122 80
Hoffman, Peter S	Penn	Manufacturer	Richmond	Indiana	647	6	51 76	30 00	81 75
Hogan, William E	Maine	Lawyer	Bath	Maine	548	6	43 84	30 00	73 85
Hotchkiss, R. H	New York	Merchant	Plymouth	Wisconsin	980	6	78 40	30 00	108 40
Housel, Charles C	Ohio	Merchant	Omaha	Nebraska	1328	6	106 24	30 00	136 25
Ingersoll, John N	New York	Publisher & Editor	Corunna	Michigan	739	6	59 12	30 00	89 10
Johnson, William S	R. Island	Merchant	Providence	R. Island	374	6	29 92	30 00	59 90
Johnstone, Silas	S. Carolina	Lawyer	Newberry	S. Carolina	582	6	46 56	30 00	76 55
Jones, James V	New York	Lumberman	Oshkosh	Wisconsin	1027	6	82 16	30 00	112 15
Jones, John M	Maryland	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Jones, Nathan	New York	Lawyer	Crestline	Ohio	539	6	43 12	30 00	73 10
Jones, Richard J	N. Carolina	Sec'y & T. Gas Co.	Wilmington	N. Carolina	404	6	32 32	30 00	62 30
Kennedy, W. B	Ohio	Com. Merchant	Cincinnati	Ohio	601	6	48 08	30 00	78 10
Kimball, J. B	New York	Wholesale Grocer	Kendallville	Indiana	688	6	55 04	30 00	85 05
Lee, William Wallace	Conn	Machinist	West Meriden.	Conn	280	6	22 40	30 00	52 40
Leech, Erie J	New York	Lawyer	Keokuk	Iowa	1041	6	83 28	30 00	113 30
Lindsley, M. P	New York	Lawyer	Green Bay	Wisconsin	1038	6	83 04	30 00	113 05
Lucas, William	Maryland	Clergyman	Reno	Nevada	2948	6	235 84	30 00	265 85
Marshall, Lafayette	Mass	Wood & Coal Dealer	Rockport	Mass	436	6	34 88	30 00	64 90
McCahan, John E	Maryland	Teacher	Baltimore	Maryland	....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
McKinney, A. T	Illinois	Lawyer	Huntsville	Texas	1563	6	125 04	30 00	155 05
McLean, Wm. R	Virginia	Printer	Washington	Dist. Col	40	6	3 20	30 00	33 20

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Meacham, A. D	Ohio	Merchant	Cornucopia	Nevada	2735	6	$218 80	$30 00	$248 80
Miller, Christian	Germany	Manufacturer	Newark	N. Jersey	179	6	14 32	30 00	44 30
Miller, E. W	Ohio	Lawyer	Elk Point	Dakota	1379	6	110 32	30 00	140 30
Miller, J. A	Virginia	Merchant	Wheeling	West Va	379	6	30 32	30 00	60 30
Miller, John R	N. Hamp.	Pharmacist	Peterborough	N. Hamp.	420	6	33 60	30 00	63 60
Miller, William J	R. Island	Manufacturer	Bristol	R. Island	395	6	31 60	30 00	61 60
Minturn, L. T	West Va.	Miller	Amazonia	Missouri	1241	6	99 28	30 00	129 30
Moore, George S	Penn.	Merchant	Louisville	Kentucky	711	6	56 88	30 00	86 90
Morgan, John	Indiana	Cashier	Huntington	Indiana	684	6	54 72	30 00	84 70
Morris, William W	New York	State Ins. Agent	Louisville	Kentucky	711	6	56 88	30 00	86 90
Mucklé, M. Richards	Penn.	Business Manager	Philadelphia	Penn.	98	6	7 84	30 00	37 85
Mulcahy, P. H	Australia	Merchant	Gold Hill	Nevada	2988	6	239 04	30 00	269 05
Munson, L. I	Conn	Druggist	Waterbury	Conn	276	6	22 08	30 00	52 10
Newell, William A	Ohio	Physician	Allentown	N. Jersey	159	6	12 72	30 00	42 70
Newman, Bernard	Germany	Merchant	Council Bluffs	Iowa	1290	6	103 20	30 00	133 20
Nutt, William N	N. Jersey	Clerk	Trenton	N. Jersey	131	6	10 48	30 00	40 50
Oberly, John H	Ohio	Printer	Cairo	Illinois	959	6	76 72	30 00	106 70
Oviatt, O. W	Conn	Mechanic	St. Joseph	Michigan	844	6	67 52	30 00	97 50
Pearce, Charles C	Florida	Farmer	Tallahassee	Florida	995	6	79 60	30 00	109 60
Peck, E. A	Virginia	Lumberman	Clarksburg	West Va	301	6	24 08	30 00	54 10
Perkins, John U	Mass	Gas-Fitter	Chelsea	Mass	406	6	32 48	30 00	62 50
Perry, John Ham	Canada	Registrar	Whitby	Ontario	554	6	44 32	30 00	74 30

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Pierson, John L	Ohio	Machinist	Wilmington	Delaware.	70	6	$5 60	$30 00	$35 60
Price, John M	Kentucky.	Lawyer	Atchison	Kansas	1271	6	101 68	30 00	131 70
Rawlings, Charles H	Maryland.	Book-Binder	Baltimore	Maryland.	....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Robbe, Charles A	N. Hamp.	Mechanic and Manf	Augusta	Georgia	620	6	49 60	30 00	79 60
Robbins, Gilbert F	R. Island.	Clothing Dealer	Providence	R. Island	374	6	29 92	30 00	59 90
Robinson, J. H	Virginia	Collector of Taxes.	Lynchburgh	Virginia	218	6	17 44	30 00	47 45
Shaffner, Tal. P	Virginia	Lawyer	Louisville	Kentucky.	711	6	56 88	30 00	86 90
Shearer, George H	New York.	Manufacturer	Bay City	Michigan	783	6	62 64	30 00	92 65
Sheire, Monroe	New York.	Architect	St. Paul	Minnesota	1249	6	99 92	30 00	129 90
Sheppard, Isaac A	N. Jersey	Manufacturer	Philadelphia	Penn.	98	6	7 84	30 00	37 85
Shipley, E. R	Penn.	Postmaster	Springfield	Missouri	1178	6	94 24	30 00	124 25
Spates, Thomas S	Maryland.	Merchant	Clarksburg	West Va	301	6	24 08	30 00	54 10
Spencer, Edward H	Penn.	Carriage-Maker	Wilmington	Delaware	70	6	5 60	30 00	35 60
Sporman, George H	Alabama	City Clerk	Eufaula	Alabama	945	6	75 60	30 00	105 60
Stafford, I. C	Louisiana	Merchant	Houston	Texas	1624	6	129 92	30 00	159 90
Stebbins, J. W	New York.	Lawyer	Rochester	New York.	354	6	28 32	30 00	58 30
Stickney, Horace W	N. Hamp.	Salesman	South Boston.	Mass	402	6	32 16	30 00	62 15
Sweeney, W. L	N. Jersey.	Carriage-Maker	Rock Island	Illinois	1022	6	81 76	30 00	111 75
Taylor, Nathan	Mass	Merchant	Worcester	Mass	367	6	29 36	30 00	59 35
Thompson, W. H	Penn	Pres't L'd & Oil Co	St. Louis	Missouri	928	6	74 24	30 00	104 25
Ticknor, James S	New York.	Expressman	Rockford	Illinois	933	6	74 64	30 00	104 65
Tompkins, John R	S. Carolina	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	1042	6	83 36	30 00	113 35

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Underwood, John C	Dist. Col	Civil Engineer	Bowling Green	Kentucky	825	6	$66 00	$30 00	$96 00
Van Nort, John F	New York	Druggist	Newburgh	New York	249	6	19 92	30 00	49 90
Vinton, Timothy	Mass	Paper Man'facturer	Brattleboro	Vermont	433	6	34 64	30 00	64 65
Wagner, A. B	Georgia	Merchant and Manf	Meridian	Miss.	957	6	76 56	30 00	106 55
Walker, H. D	Penn	Mechanic	Mt. Pleasant	Iowa	1030	6	82 40	30 00	112 40
Walton, Joshua J	Indiana	Lawyer	Eugene City	Oregon	3912	6	312 96	30 00	342 95
Weakley, Joseph L	Tennessee	Merchant	Nashville	Tennessee	815	6	65 20	30 00	95 20
Welch, Thomas R	Kentucky	Minister	Little Rock	Arkansas	1109	6	88 72	30 00	118 70
White, John H	New York	Lawyer	Albion	New York	384	6	30 72	30 00	60 70
Williston, W. C	S. Carolina	Lawyer	Red Wing	Minn	1199	6	95 92	30 00	125 90
Woodruff, D. B	Conn	Architect	Macon	Georgia	792	6	63 36	30 00	93 35
Woodyatt, James	England	City Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	498	6	39 84	30 00	69 85
Zimmerer, Anton	Germany	Merchant	Nebraska City	Nebraska	1324	6	105 92	30 00	135 90
					122,163	834	$9,773 04	$4,170 00	$13,942 95

In the cent column of Total, five cents and multiples thereof only are given.

Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of May, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; provided, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, that the Annual Session be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas. C. A. ROBBE, of Georgia.
GEO. B. BOYLES, of Tennessee. A. T. McKINNEY, of Texas.
I. C. STAFFORD, of Texas.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports as they appear on the Journal, which was agreed to.

The first report, page 7705, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7730, from the Special Committee on the resolution of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, approving of the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in changing the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee to recommend an Encampment Street Regalia, was considered.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved to amend, by adding on page 7733, as follows:

That nothing herein contained shall in any way affect the rights of Patriarchs under the existing law to wear a street uniform, and all laws and regulations on that subject are hereby confirmed.

Which was agreed to.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved to amend on page 7733, item 5, by striking out the words "excepting the feather shall be yellow, tips to be purple."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the subject be postponed until the next annual session.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, fifty-two voting in the affirmative and fifty in the negative.

The next report, page 7733, from the Special Committee to report a law providing for benefits to members holding Withdrawal Cards, was considered.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee for further consideration.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 7734, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the questions submitted by Rep. MILLER, of Dakota, on the subject of regalia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7735, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of Bro. J. K. PHILLIPS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of Bro. J. W. POINTS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7737, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, Grand Lodge of Iowa, and the Grand Encampment of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of W. C. EARL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7759, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved that the Grand Lodge do now take a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M., which was agreed to, seventy-one voting in favor and thirty-six against the motion, and the Grand Sire accordingly declared the Grand Lodge at recess.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 7759, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolutions of Reps. JONES and LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, and STEBBINS, of New York, in reference to Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the question from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, concerning official regalia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, to the session of 1877, concerning charts, maps, &c., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7760, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HOCKIN, of the Lower Provinces, on the subject of duplicate Charters, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the alteration of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7761, from the same committee, on the resolution from the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, to confer the title of P. C. P. on Past High Priests, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7762, from the same committee, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, on the right to benefits of the family of a member who died while under charges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the question submitted by Rep. WHITE, of New York, concerning the power of the Grand Encampment of New York to elect its officers by the Representatives present at its annual session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7763, from the same committee, on the question submitted by Rep. LUCAS, of Nevada, on the subject of members suspended for cause, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the matter submitted by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, concerning cards issued by State Grand Officers, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7764, from the same committee, on a resolution submitted by Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, concerning Uniformed Patriarchs, was considered in connection with the minority report, same page, on the same subject.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, moved to strike out "majority" and insert "minority."

Rep. BIGELOW, of Vermont, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. SHEIRE?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the majority report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 7765, from the same committee, on the resolution from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, asking for a fourth degree in the Encampment branch of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, asking permission to elect their officers for two years and hold biennial sessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7766, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. DANN, of California, concerning members of Encampments suspended by Lodges for non-payment of dues, was considered.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the

resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, on the subject of non-beneficial membership, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, on paying benefits to insane persons, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7767, from the same committee, on the resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, on the construction of the Reinstatement Law, was considered in connection with the minority report, same page, on the same subject.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved that the minority report be adopted.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7768, from the same committee, on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, asking for a uniform law to admit former members of defunct Lodges to membership on the restoration of the Charters, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the assets of the Grand Lodge, etc., was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, a division was asked for, when the first resolution was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the second resolution, Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the second resolution of the committee?" which was agreed to, fifty-nine voting in the affirmative and fifty-two in the negative.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Special Committee, page 7730, on Encampment Regalia, was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the motion to reconsider be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 20, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. VENABLE	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON	R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
ISAAC M. VEITCH	Missouri.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of nine be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire to report at the present session such amendments to the Constitution as may be necessary to readjust the basis and reduce the representation in this Grand Lodge.

By unanimous consent, Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business shall be introduced for the legislation of this Grand Lodge after 12 o'clock to-day, unless the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge be first obtained.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, was excused, on account of illness, from attendance after this morning's session.

The Jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Roberts' Rules of Order be and hereby are adopted for the government of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in all cases wherein the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge now in force do not apply.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, This R. W. Grand Lodge has voted that there shall be no bound Journals donated at this session, and having reduced the mileage and per diem; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to give to each Representative (not having already received them) a copy of the Digest and Book of Forms, and that he be authorized to sell to such Representatives the bound Journals at actual cost.

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a complete set of the bound Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the payment of five dollars and express charges.

The call was suspended, when the Historiographer presented a copy of the History of Odd Fellowship.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved that the book be referred to the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that it be referred to a special committee, which was agreed to.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship. On motion, he was excused.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to reconsider the vote by which the History of Odd Fellowship was directed to be referred to a special committee, which was not agreed to.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee to examine the History of American Odd Fellowship, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, by his request having been excused from serving:

Bros. NICHOLSON, VEITCH, and DURHAM, P. G. Sires; Reps. INGERSOLL, of Michigan; WELCH, of Arkansas.

The call of Jurisdictions was resumed, when

Rep. WILLISTON, of Minnesota, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge :

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called ; and in no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting, except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time which such session shall be held.

And provided further, That if by reason of any pestilence prevailing, at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place, not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient.

W. C. WILLISTON, of Minnesota. C. M. BUSBEE, of North Carolina.
ERIE J. LEECH, of Iowa. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the following words in a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session in 1871, and digested as section 1687a, White's Digest, viz., "provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Reps. ROBBINS and ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, submitted some questions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, submitted the following:

PROTEST.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, members and Representatives of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to present the following statement of facts, and enter their protest to certain proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body.

They state that on the second day of the present session a vote was taken to change an article of the Constitution of this Grand Body, by which it was proposed to change the name of this Order, and the Secretary reported for said change of name 93 votes, against the change 31 ; whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared said amendment adopted. On the morning of the third day of this session, and before the minutes of the preceding day had been approved, the following proceedings were had, viz.:

"Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved that the Journal of yesterday, page 7729, be corrected by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, '*affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended*,' and insert in lieu thereof, '*negative*,

three-fourths of the members present not having voted for the same; Reps. HASKINS, of New York, DAVIS and DOUGLASS, of Maine, being present and not voting;'—

"Which was not agreed to.

"Rep. DYER, of Maine, submitted the following:

"Rep. DYER asks to correct yesterday's record, in the yea and nay vote on page 7729, on the change of the name of this Grand Lodge. When my name was called I voted 'nay,' and ask that my name be so recorded and the mistake corrected.

"The Chair stated the question to be on granting the request of the Representative from Maine, and the motion was resolved in the negative.

"Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, desires to state that in voting yesterday on the proposed amendment of Article I., Section 1, of the Constitution, as recorded on page 7729 of the Journal, he voted only for himself, and not for his colleague, as in his former votes, and asks that the Journal be so corrected. JOHN N. INGERSOLL.

"The question was put upon granting the request, and decided in the negative.

"Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the minutes of yesterday, as printed, be approved.

"Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to correct the record of yesterday's proceedings in the vote on the amendment changing the name of this Grand Lodge, because Rep. WOODRUFF voted for his colleague, GLENN, who was not present in the city, and not present at this session of the Grand Lodge when the vote was taken.

"The Grand Sire decided that Rep. WOODRUFF had the right to cast two votes under the circumstances.

"The question recurring on the motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, 'that the minutes of yesterday, as printed, be approved,' it was adopted, seventy-three voting in the affirmative and forty-eight in the negative."

They state when the request of Rep. INGERSOLL, to correct the minutes, was being considered, his colleague, Rep. SHEARER, stated to the Lodge when the vote was called over by the Secretary, in which it was announced that Rep. INGERSOLL had cast two votes, that Rep. INGERSOLL had cast but one vote. Rep. INGERSOLL urged the above correction, alleging that he had cast but one vote. Now, we protest against the action of this Grand Lodge in approving said minutes and proceedings in the manner and form as above shown; because,

1st. The amendment was not carried, three-fourths of the members *present* not having voted for the same. The XXI. Article of the Constitution, prescribing the manner in which said change shall be made, says: "If the amendment is *agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays*, the same shall be a part of the Constitution." The proceedings disclose the fact that there were three Representatives, viz.: HASKINS, of New York, DAVIS and DOUGLASS, of Maine, who were present and not voting, thus making present one hundred and twenty-seven members, while ninety-three members only were recorded as voting for the amendment, not three-fourths.

2d. The record and proceedings should have been corrected by recording the name of Rep. DYER in the negative, he having stated that he answered to his name when called, and voted "no;" by this action Rep. DYER and the jurisdiction he in part represents have been denied a voice in as grave a matter as the change of our Constitution.

3d. The record and proceedings should have been corrected so as to have shown the fact that Rep. INGERSOLL cast but one vote; by this action Rep. INGERSOLL is made to assume a responsibility which he, in point of fact, did not assume, by recording two votes to him while he cast but one.

4th. We protest against the published proceedings on said constitutional

amendment because they were incorrect in declaring that on said vote there were ninety-three yeas and thirty-one nays; they should show that there were only ninety-two yeas and thirty-two nays; and not being three-fourths voting for said change the same was not adopted.

5th. We further protest against the action of this Lodge in refusing to correct the above mistakes, on the ground as thus alleged that said correction would change the result of said amendment, and we finally protest against publishing to the world a change in the name of this Grand Lodge, because no such change has been constitutionally or legally made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. Hickok, of Pennsylvania.
Joshua Davis, of Maine.
Walter G. Dye, of Minnesota.
T. I. Driggs, of Connecticut.
L. I. Munson, of Connecticut.
Isaac A. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.
J. H. Robinson, of Virginia.
Wm. N. Andrew, of Connecticut.
O. G. Douglass, of Maine.
W. E. Hogan, of Maine.
Geo. S. Moore, of Kentucky.
M. Richards Muckle, of Pennsylvania.
Alonzo F. Craig, of New Hampshire.
John R. Miller, of New Hampshire.
Geo. A. Cummings, of New Hampshire.
Wm. W. Morris, of Kentucky.
O. W. Oviatt, of Michigan.
John N. Ingersoll, of Michigan.
J. L. Weakley, of Tennessee.
John Charlton, of Kansas.
Luke M. Havens, of Kansas.
John M. Price, of Kansas.
J. R. Harwell, of Tennessee.
Geo. B. Boyles, of Tennessee.
John N. Gale, of Vermont.
Geo. H. Bigelow, of Vermont.
Timothy Vinton, of Vermont.
Monroe Sheire, of Minnesota.
W. R. Hazlett, of Ohio.
Geo. H. Shearer, of Michigan.
Stephen K. Dyer, of Maine.
Edw. H. Spencer, of Delaware.
James B. Blanks, of Virginia.
M. J. Durham, P. G. Sire.

Bro. Durham, P. G. Sire, asked permission to sign the protest, which was granted.

Objection being made to placing the paper on the Journal, Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania, moved that the protest be entered upon the Journal.

Rep. Herring, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. Gwinner?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Rhode Island, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7769, from the Committee on Finance, on the receipts and disbursements during the year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7770, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of William K. Neal, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7771, from the same committee, on the

appeal of J. W. STEBBINS, Grand Representative, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of H. D. CARMOHN, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7772, from the same committee, on the appeal of Norway Lodge, No. 16, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

Rep. LEE, of Connecticut, a member of the committee, requested the statement made, that he declined to sign the report of the committee, having been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at the time the occurrence with the Lodge took place, which was granted.

The next report, page 7774, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of sundry Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the book compiled by Bro. M. Posz, of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the subject of Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7788, from the Committee on Finance, on the compensation to officers and committees, was considered. A division of the question was asked.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution, Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "sixteen hundred dollars" as the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary, and inserting "eighteen hundred dollars."

Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, moved to amend by striking out "sixteen hundred dollars," and inserting "two thousand dollars," which was accepted by Rep. PEARCE.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Andrew, Backensto, Bagley, Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Boyd, Bradley, Brereton, Busbee, Cohen, Courtney, Crane, Dann (2 votes), Davis, of Arkansas, Elder, Garey, Given, Glenn, Harwell, Haskins, Havenner, Haynie, Hockin, Housel, Ingersoll (2 votes), Johnstone, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of North Carolina, Kimball (2 votes), Lucas, McCahan, McKinney, McLean, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Jersey, Moore, Mulcahy, Munson, Newell, Nutt, Pearce, Perry (2 votes), Pierson, Rawlings, Robinson, Shaffner, Sheire, Thompson, Underwood, Van Nort, Walton, Weakley, White, Woodruff, Zimmerer.—60.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Barrett, Bell, Bigelow, Blanks, Boyles, Charlton, Craig, Cummings, Davis, of Maine, Douglass, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Ford, of Ontario, Gale, Gwinner, Havens, Hazlett, Hearn (2 votes), Henderson, Herring, Hickok, Hildreth, Hoffman, Hogan, Johnson, Jones, of Ohio, Kennedy, Lee, Leech, Lindsley, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of Rhode Island, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn, Morgan, Morris, Mucklé, Newman, Oberly, Oviatt, Peck, Price, Robbe, Robbins, Shearer, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Spencer, Sporman, Stafford, Stebbins, Stickney (2 votes), Sweeney, Taylor (2 votes), Vinton, Walker (2 votes), Welch, Williston, Woodyatt.—66.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, moved to strike out "sixteen hundred dollars," and insert "eighteen hundred dollars," which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, moved to strike out "eight hundred dollars," and insert "six hundred dollars," as the salary of the Grand Messenger, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second resolution, on motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the further consideration of it was postponed for the present.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The next report, page 7793, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7801, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on a resolution from Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, concerning a form for consolidating Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7802, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, from

the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of F. M. LAUGHTON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7803, from the same committee, on the appeal of S. J. PESOA, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

By request of the chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee, on page 7822, and the question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7804, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of GEORGE EDWARDS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the order of business be suspended and the Lodge resolve itself into secret session, which was agreed to.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Past Grand Representatives in attendance on this session of the Grand Lodge be allowed to attend the secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the regular order of business was resumed.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, from the Special Committee on a Funeral Benefit feature, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The special committee appointed at last session (page 7424) to report some plan of endowment as an auxiliary to the beneficial features of the Order, beg leave to report, that the committee have attended to that duty and present the following Constitution and Laws for the government of the same. The committee would also respectfully suggest that the importance of the passage of some form of an endowment or insurance relief is becoming more and more apparent in several of the State jurisdictions every day, as the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to this Grand Body at this session indicates. We would instance the reports of the Grand Secretaries of Tennessee, Virginia, and other States. Also the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to be found on page 7777 of present Journal.

We desire further to state that nothing contained in this report shall be so

construed as to make it compulsory upon any member of the Order to become a member of the endowment plan.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the plan of endowment as foreshadowed in the accompanying Constitution and Laws be adopted.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to prepare all the details of the work, all books, blanks of all kinds, and such other work as may be necessary to put the scheme in operation at the earliest practical moment.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROBBE, C. MILLER.

SUPREME LODGE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 1. The right to grant power to establish Grand and Subordinate Endowment Lodges on the endowment plan is vested solely in the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., which shall be known, when working as such, as the Supreme Endowment Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

SEC. 2. To provide, print, and furnish all forms, warrants, certificates, blanks of all kinds, official seal, and such supplies to Lodges of the endowment plan as may be necessary for the complete working of the Endowment Lodges.

SEC. 3. To provide for a revenue for the Supreme Lodge from the sale of supplies furnished by it, or by assessment or otherwise, as it may from time to time direct.

SEC. 4. To grant warrants to Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges under the immediate control of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., to establish Endowment Lodges with power to make such laws and regulations as may not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Endowment Lodge.

SEC. 5. To provide for and define the duties of the officers of the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 6. To create, hold, and direct the funds named in the objects of the Endowment Lodge under such regulations as it may deem necessary to adopt.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. This Supreme Lodge shall be composed of all the Officers and Representatives entitled to a voice in the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

ARTICLE III.—WARRANTS AND SUPPLIES.

SECTION 1. All blanks and applications for warrants for establishing Endowment Lodges, shall be furnished by the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 2. The Grand Sire shall have power to grant warrants for the institution of Grand and Subordinate Endowment Lodges during the recess of the Supreme Lodge, and take such measures as may be necessary to institute the same.

SEC. 3. All withdrawal cards, warrants, certificates, accounts, blank notices, receipts, assessments, reports, and any and all blanks necessary, shall be furnished by the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 4. The supplies for the use of the Endowment Lodges, with price, shall be as follows:

Warrants for Grand Lodges.....
Warrants for Subordinate Lodges.....
Withdrawal Cards.....
Certificates of Membership.....
Account Books.....
Notices of Assessments.....
Receipts.....
Assessment Reports.....

And such other blanks as the Supreme Lodge Officers may from time to time direct.

SEC. 5. The power to adopt any additional forms, change, alter, or amend any of the laws or business details connected therewith, is vested in the Supreme Lodge exclusively. It shall be the duty of that body to preserve uniformity in the working of all Endowment Lodges, and require a strict conformity therewith.

ARTICLE IV.—ASSESSMENTS AND FUNDS.

SECTION 1. In addition to the receipt from the sale of supplies as already provided for in Article III., there shall be deducted from each and every assessment made, a sum equal to ten per cent. on all assessments made, which shall be placed in the general treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

SEC. 2. The assessments for each member shall be according to the following schedule for each and every one thousand dollars which he may be entitled to as an endowment, and shall be uniform throughout the entire jurisdiction:

Between the ages of	21	and	30			$ .40
" " "	30	"	40			.55
" " "	40	"	50			.85
" " "	50	"	60			1.40

All such payments shall be known as the Endowment Relief Fund. The date of all such payments shall be kept by the Secretary, and the brother credited with the same. No member shall be assessed for a death prior to the date of his certificate of membership.

SEC. 3. The Sinking Fund provided by the first Section of this Article, is to be used for the purpose of reducing the number of assessments during epidemics, or from any other cause, to the average number of ordinary years.

ARTICLE V.—ENDOWMENT BENEFIT.

Five thousand dollars shall be the highest amount that will be paid on the death of a brother, and one thousand shall be the lowest amount paid. The amount to be paid on the death of a brother shall be determined by the amount specified on his endowment certificate; provided, however, that should a death occur when one full assessment on each member would not amount to the sum specified on the deceased brother's certificate, then the sum to be paid shall be the amount of a full assessment on each member in good standing at the date of such death, and such amount shall be all that can be claimed by any one.

ARTICLE VI.—SUPREME OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and a Board of Trustees, who shall hold office for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for re-election.

SEC. 2. The Grand Sire, in addition to the duties prescribed for him in the Grand Lodge Constitution, shall have supervision over the Endowment Relief Fund and Lodges of the same. He shall issue all warrants, as per Article III. of these laws, and supervise the issuance of all documents connected with the details of the Lodge, and sign officially such as require his signature; he shall sign all orders on the Grand Treasurer drawn in accordance with the laws of the Endowment Relief Fund in payment of all moneys disbursed under the provisions of the Endowment Fund.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Sire, in addition to the duties prescribed for him by the Grand Lodge Constitution, shall, if occasion require it, perform all the duties specified above for the Grand Sire.

SEC. 4. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will prepare and attest all warrants for Grand and Subordinate Endowment Lodges issued by the Grand Sire, keeping a register of all warrants so issued, and at each session of the Supreme Lodge he shall present a written report of the number of Endowment Lodges of the Endowment Relief Fund, and perform such other duties as may be required therewith.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer, in addition to his other duties in the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., shall have charge of the financial affairs of the Endowment Relief Fund. He shall keep a register of the members, which shall exhibit the name of each member, his age, residence, and the number of the Endowment Lodge and State. Also the name and number of the Lodge to which he belongs, corresponding in numerical order to the certificates of membership issued by him, and upon which shall be noted all suspensions, resignations, reinstatements, deaths, and transfers of membership from one Lodge to another, as reported by the Secretaries of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

He shall prepare and issue registers similar to the above, for each Grand and Subordinate Lodge, certificates of membership, blank applications for membership, and all blank notices and other forms prescribed by the laws of the Endowment Lodge, or that may become necessary in prosecuting the business of the Lodge.

He shall, from the receipts of his office, establish and have charge of three funds: an Endowment Fund, made up from the admission fee of each member and of each subsequent assessment; an Expense Fund, made up of the sum of one dollar from each admission fee, and twenty per cent. of all assessments and proceeds from the sale of all supplies; a Sinking Fund made up of the ten per cent. upon all assessments, and the surplus, if any, left from the Expense Fund after paying the expense of the management.

He shall have power to provide himself from the Expense Fund with such blanks, stationery, etc., as may become necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office, and to pay therefrom all bills incurred for rent of office, printing, postage, etc., on the order of the Grand Sire.

He shall render a full and complete report at each regular session of the Supreme Lodge, and shall submit his books, etc., for inspection of the Grand Sire and to the Trustees of the Supreme Lodge, at least once in every three months, or when requested to do so. Upon receiving notice and good and sufficient proof of the death of a member of any Endowment Lodge, he shall transmit to the Secretary of the same to which the same belonged a negotiable draft for the amount of the benefit to which he was entitled, to be drawn in favor of the party or parties entitled to receive the same. After paying this claim, should there remain in the Endowment Fund a less amount than is sufficient to pay the highest amount allowed in any one endowment, the Grand Treasurer shall immediately notify each Grand and Subordinate Secretary to collect and forward one full assessment from each member, which must be paid within ninety days. He shall also, under the direction of the Advisory Board of Trustees, every three months, or oftener, if directed, invest all money remaining in the Sinking Fund in such Government Bonds as the Trustees may direct, which shall be registered as payable to the order of the Advisory Board, and deposited for safe-keeping in the fireproof vaults of this Grand Lodge. He shall give a bond in the sum of ..... dollars, with good security, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and faithfully accounting for all funds coming into his hands, and may receive the sum of ..... dollars for his services.

SEC. 6. The Trustees shall be composed of one member from each Grand Endowment Lodge, and shall be selected by said Lodge from the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

The Board shall have the power of selecting from their number a committee consisting of four members, to which the Grand Sire shall be added as chairman, whose duty it shall be to designate the bond and approve the security of the Grand Treasurer, and examine his books and vouchers as

often as they may deem it proper. For the faithful performance of their duties, they shall receive mileage ..... and per diem ..... when in the actual discharge of their duty.

ARTICLE VII.

These laws may be altered or amended, after being first submitted to a committee at any regular session, by a two-third vote of the members of the Supreme Lodge then present.

CONSTITUTION FOR GRAND AND SUBORDINATE ENDOWMENT LODGES.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. A Subordinate Endowment Lodge shall consist of not less than seven members, who are in good standing, and shall be known as Lodge No.....of the State of ....., and shall be numbered numerically in each State; and upon the petition of ten Subordinate Endowment Lodges a Grand Lodge may be formed.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings shall be held at least once a month, at such time and place as shall be fixed by the By-Laws. Extra meetings may be called by the President for the purpose of transacting any special business.

SEC. 3. The Lodge shall have a seal, with some approved device, which shall be affixed to all official papers.

SEC. 4. MEDICAL EXAMINER.—Each Lodge shall elect as Medical Examiner, a regular practising physician, who shall, if possible, be a member of the Lodge. His fee for each and every examination shall not exceed one dollar.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary and Treasurer (one office), who shall be elected annually at the last stated meeting in December, and take possession of their office at the first regular meeting in January. They hold office for the balance of the year, or until their successors are elected and approved. They shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible for membership in the Endowment Lodge who has not attained to the Scarlet Degree, and who is not in good and regular standing in his Lodge. No person over sixty years of age shall be eligible to membership.

SEC. 2. Applications for membership shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Lodge to which the applicant belongs, that he is not in arrears for dues, and a medical certificate from the physician designated by the Endowment Lodge to which the application is made.

A fee of two dollars, and in addition one full assessment, must accompany each application.

SEC. 3. Applications may be received and balloted for, the same evening, and if three black balls appear the applicant shall be declared rejected, and no other ballot shall be taken in his case for the period of six months.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. A member may at any time sever his connection with the Endowment Lodge, provided there are no financial or other charges against him, by notifying the Secretary in writing of such withdrawal, which shall be read in open Lodge, which shall cause a forfeiture of all rights to which he may have been entitled in the Endowment Funds.

SEC. 2. When a member from any cause, whether by Withdrawal Card, suspension for non-payment of dues, expulsion, forfeiture of Lodge Charter, or

other cause, loses his connection with a Subordinate Lodge, his connection with the Endowment Lodge ceases and he forfeits all right and title to his interest in the Endowment Fund and all amounts that he may have contributed thereto, provided that a member who takes a Withdrawal Card shall not lose his membership in the Endowment Lodge or his interest in the funds, if he shall regularly pay all assessments while holding his card, and shall, within twelve months, deposit said card and notify the Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge of its name and number.

SEC. 3. A member who has lost his membership in his Endowment Lodge may reconnect himself after paying all charges that may have been held against him at the time of suspension, and making application accompanied by the fee and physicians' certificate, the same as a new member.

SEC. 4. A member of an Endowment Lodge changing his residence and desiring to transfer his membership, shall be entitled to receive a Withdrawal Card by paying all assessments and charges that may appear against him on the books of his Lodge. It shall be signed by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, certifying to his good standing in the Lodge and his interest in the funds

SEC. 5. This card shall hold good for the space of twelve months, provided he shall keep all assessments and charges paid regularly during the time. If at the end of twelve months he has not deposited his card, he shall forfeit his membership, as provided for in Section 1 of this Article.

SEC. 6. An application to an Endowment Lodge for admission upon deposit of a Withdrawal Card, shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar, which shall entitle him to membership.

ARTICLE V.—FUNDS OF THE LODGE.

SECTION 1. Of the amount accompanying the application for membership, one dollar shall be placed in the Treasury of the Subordinate Endowment Lodge, and the balance shall be forwarded to the Supreme Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall have the power to assess its members to provide such funds in addition to the above as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of his Lodge, and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may prescribe.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a financial account with each member of the Endowment Lodge, charging him with each assessment immediately upon notification of the same from the Supreme Treasurer, and crediting him upon payment of the same.

He shall notify the Supreme Treasurer of every failure to pay the assessment within the prescribed time. He shall make a report to the Supreme Treasurer on the first of every month, and transmit therewith all moneys in his hands belonging to the Endowment or Expense Fund.

SEC. 4. Upon receiving from the Supreme Treasurer notice of the death of a member and of a consequent assessment, the Secretary and Treasurer shall immediately give notice to each member in the prescribed form and notify him to pay the same within thirty days.

SEC. 5. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep in a book furnished for that purpose, a register of the members of the Endowment Lodge, with the names, ages, residences, name and number of the Lodges to which they severally belong, and their post-office address, in which shall be noted all changes, suspensions, forfeitures, and removals.

SEC. 6. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give a bond (form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge) to the President, with approved security in such sum as the said Subordinate Lodge may determine, for the faithful discharge of his duty, and he may receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may determine by its By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

Upon receiving notice of an assessment each member shall at once pay the amount to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Lodge to which he belongs. In case any member neglects for thirty days after date of notice he shall stand suspended from the Endowment Fund, and shall forfeit all claims upon it, and the fact of such suspension shall be reported to the Supreme Treasurer in the monthly report, provided a member thus suspended for non-payment of assessments shall have the privilege of regaining his membership within three months, by passing a new medical examination and paying all assessments that may have occurred during that time. All reinstatements in accordance with this section shall be reported to the Supreme Treasurer by the Secretary and Treasurer in his monthly report.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. Upon the death of a member of this Lodge the benefit, as presented in deceased member's certificate, as specified in Article V., shall be paid by the Secretary and Treasurer (as soon as received from the Supreme Treasurer) to the parties named in the certificate, or to the nearest heirs-at-law; provided the said amount shall be held sacred as belonging to said legatees, and shall never, under any circumstances, be liable for or be appropriated to the payment of any debts against the estate of the deceased member; provided further, that the member shall have full power to dispose of the sum so accruing upon his death by will. If none of the parties specified are alive, and the deceased shall have made no disposition by will, the Lodge shall appropriate toward the expense of deceased's last sickness and the funeral expense as much as shall be necessary for that purpose, and after said payments, the surplus shall be paid into the Lodge Treasury to which the deceased member belonged, for the benefit of the widows and orphans. To whomsoever the amount shall be paid the Secretary and Treasurer shall take a receipt for all and every part thereof, and shall also take up the certificate of membership in the Supreme Lodge and forward the same to the Supreme Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The benefits shall always be payable within sixty days after proof of death.

ARTICLE IX.

Any alteration or amendment to the foregoing Constitution shall be submitted to the Supreme Endowment Lodge and approved by that body.

Rep. MILLER, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and G. C. and R. Secretary, and the correspondence relating to the differences between Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 3, of Honolulu, S. I., have given the subject that careful consideration which they deem the importance of the subject demands, and as a result of their investigations, find as follows:—That at the Annual Session in 1848, action was had requesting contributions for the purchase of materials for the erection of a hall for the use of said Excelsior Lodge; that reference was made to said contributions in the Proceedings of 1849-50-51-52-53, and in 1854 a decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge, to the effect that said fund could not be used for rent, but must be used for the building of a hall. We also find that said Excelsior

Lodge was made the trustee of the R. W. Grand Lodge for this fund. In view of this action, our conclusion is that we cannot do less than approve the manner in which Excelsior Lodge has executed its trust, having constructed a handsome and durable edifice, dedicated to the use of Odd Fellowship. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the manner in which Excelsior Lodge has executed the trust committed to it, believing it to have been a wise and judicious investment, and we fully confirm their title to the ownership and control of said building. And we recommend that Excelsior Lodge accommodate Harmony Lodge with such place of meeting, and on such nights as the hall is not in use, on the most reasonable terms that it is possible to arrange, to the end that peace and harmony may prevail among the brethren, and that the uninitiated may realize that there is a reality in the professions of such as claim to be governed by the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. MILLER, W. A. NEWELL, T. I. DRIGGS,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, WM. J. MILLER, A. D. MEACHAM,
J. R. HARWELL.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F:

By-Law XXIX. prohibits the consideration of the questions propounded by Reps. ROBBINS and ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, as to the duty of Right Supporters, as they are inquiries of individual members and do not emanate from any Grand Body, and we ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE, JOHN CHARLTON, WM. R. MCLEAN,
JOSHUA J. WALTON, C. M. BUSBEE, A. B. CRANE,
M. P. LINDSLEY, JOHN N. GALE.

Rep. MILLER, of West Virginia, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to which was referred the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, asking that legislation be had to "allow Rebekah Degree Lodges to admit to membership by ballot, any lady who is now the widow of an Odd Fellow, and who lost her membership in the Rebekah Degree Lodge by reason of her husband losing his membership in the Order prior to the passage of the law by this Grand Lodge, in 1873, page 5915 of Journal," and further requesting that "any lady who, prior to the death of her husband, received the Degree of Rebekah without joining a Rebekah Lodge, and whose husband since 1873 ceased to be a member of the Order, be made eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, on her furnishing satisfactory proof of former connection with the Degree," have considered the same, and we therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That it is not advisable to legislate in favor of the resolutions, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MILLER, CHAS. F. HILDRETH, W. B. KENNEDY,
P. H. MULCAHY, JOHN F. HAVENNER, T. S. SPATES,
WM. N. FORD.

Rep. SPATES, of West Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of California, found on page 7776 of the Journal, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to endeavor to have the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah so amended as to permit Rebekah Degree Lodges to hold their meetings on Sundays and in the day-time," would respectfully report, as the law now in force prohibits Lodges and Encampments from holding meetings on Sunday, except for funeral purposes (Digest, 1747), we are of the opinion the legislation asked for would be unwise and improper. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. SPATES, W. R. KENNEDY, C. F. HILDRETH,
P. H. MULCAHY, JOHN F. HAVENNER, WM. N. FORD,
J. A. MILLER.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Printing Supplies have had under consideration the following communication submitted by Reps. SHEPPARD and GWINNER, to wit:

"WHEREAS, Complaint has been made that the charge books in the French language have not been revised to conform to the present working standard of the Order; therefore

"*Resolved*, That the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and from Loge du Progrès, No. 495, be referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies, and that said committee be instructed to have the charge books in the French language revised and corrected to conform to the present work of the Order, to the end that uniformity in the work may be fully attained."

The committee would therefore submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be and they are hereby authorized to have the charge books in the French language revised so as to conform to the present working standard of the Order, upon the most reasonable terms.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, C. H. RAWLINGS, JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Rep. GUNDAKER, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions have had before them the petition of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1; St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2; Mizpah Lodge, No. 3; Duke

of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4; Albert Lodge, No. 5; Beaver Lodge, No. 6; Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, and Unity Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., asking for a Warrant to establish a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec, Canada, to be located at Montreal, in said Province of Quebec. Your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a Charter issue upon the usual condition that the Representatives to this Grand Lodge receive no mileage and per diem until they have ten working Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GUNDAKER, FRANK GRAHAM, THOS. R. WELCH,
LUTHER J. GLENN, J. H. ROBINSON, C. P. ELDER,
WM. E. HOGAN.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, appointed at the last session, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee have given the subject embraced in that portion of the report of the Grand Secretary at the session of 1877, which refers to the Degree of Rebekah, a careful consideration, and they would report:

That they believe with him that there should be a closer connection between the Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah and the State Grand Bodies than now exists, for the reason that many of the obstacles which prevent a healthy and permanent growth in this degree could be better controlled and removed by them than by this Grand Lodge.

From information received during the recess, much of the apparent falling off of interest in the Degree Lodges of Rebekah may be traced to the fact that Subordinate Lodges having the power to confer the degree on members and their wives, and also upon the widows of Odd Fellows, create a class of membership in this degree which, being in possession of all the social privileges without contributing to the support of these Lodges, or being in any respect responsible for even their working expenses, they do not therefore care to become members of the Degree Lodges, but are always present on festal occasions, or when there are any extraordinary attractions anticipated.

In addition to this, your committee believe that by bringing these Lodges and the State Grand Lodges into a closer communion, the relations between them would be better understood, and that much of the complaint about a failure to report could be prevented if the officers of Grand Lodges, particularly the District Deputy Grand Masters, were made to understand that these Lodges, being chartered by State Grand Bodies, are entitled to the supervisory care of the Grand Officers.

We do not believe that there is any inherent defect in the theory of this system, but the want of an established relation between the creature and the creator.

Your committee, for the purpose of applying the remedy for the evils spoken of, would recommend:

That State Grand Bodies be authorized to make a semi-annual password, which shall be used in their particular States, at the outer door, and that the ritual be so amended that when the degree is conferred by a regular Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, this semi-annual password be substituted in the instruction to candidates for the annual password made by this Grand Lodge, and that the annual password be only used at the outer door when visiting in any other jurisdiction than the one to which the visitor belongs, or when the instructions are given in a Subordinate Lodge.

Another complaint is that in consequence of Rebekah Degree Lodges not having any representation in State Grand Bodies, there is not a proper sympathy between them.

Your committee recommend that State Grand Lodges be authorized (if they think proper to do so) to permit Rebekah Degree Lodges, districted as the Grand Lodges may determine, to elect some member of said Degree Lodge or Lodges, who has passed the chairs in a Subordinate Lodge, to be their Representative in the Grand Lodge of the State.

Another obstacle to the prosperity of Rebekah Degree Lodges may be found in the fact, that the existing law requires the presence of five brothers and five sisters to form a quorum, and often prevents the regular meeting from taking place, the sisters being in attendance in large numbers, but lacking the requisite number of brothers to enable them to do business.

Your committee think this could and should be remedied by fixing a certain number as a quorum irrespective of sex.

Another thing to which we would call attention. In the hurry and bustle of life we often pass by as of no consequence the indications presented of the needs of a society or community, and overlook details which may be of the utmost importance.

Since this degree was established, as many as twelve jurisdictions have at different times asked that the privileges of the degree be extended to the daughters and sisters of Odd Fellows above the age of eighteen years, and we think the time has come when these demands should be met by proper legislation.

These changes, we feel assured, will bring prosperity to these Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, and save to the Order a system which, under proper management, can be made a valuable adjunct to the Subordinate Lodges.

We are not willing to believe that the Degree of Rebekah has had a fair trial and is a failure. On the contrary our opinion is that the half-hearted support the degree has received from the male membership has, instead of strengthening it, made those who were confident of its merit waver and become lukewarm.

In view of these facts, and believing that with proper legislation this degree can be made effective, we offer the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Masters of State, District, or Territorial jurisdictions, be authorized to make a semi-annual password for the Degree of Rebekah, which shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and to be used only in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and that the instruction in the ritual, when given in Rebekah Degree Lodges, be changed so as to give this semi-annual password in the place and stead of the annual password.

Resolved, That the annual password of the Degree of Rebekah, made by the Grand Sire, shall only be used when visiting in other jurisdictions than the one to which the visitor belongs, or when the instructions are given in a Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges may, if they think proper, permit Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, separately or districted, as the Grand Lodge may determine, to elect a properly qualified brother as a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State, District, or Territory.

Resolved, That the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows of the Fifth Degree, who are above the age of eighteen years, be and are hereby made suitable candidates for admission into Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah when proposed by either parent or by a guardian, and that the same rule apply to unmarried sisters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree when proposed by their brother.

Resolved, That hereafter the quorum of a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall consist of seven members, irrespective of sex. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. HAVENNER, THOMAS S. SPATES, W. B. KENNEDY.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge so as to read as follows: This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine; provided that in case an epidemic disease exists at such place, or if such place be in possession of a public enemy, the M. W. Grand Sire, or Deputy Grand Sire, if acting in his stead, may designate such other place and time as he may deem best. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

M. D. HERRING, of Texas.
I. C. STAFFORD, of Texas.
J. A. HAYNIE, of Texas.
COLIN M. BOYD, of California.
FRANK G. BEATTY, of California.
GEO. H. BIGELOW, of Vermont.
LUTHER J. GLENN, of Georgia.
JAMES B. BLANKS, of Virginia.
A. R. COURTNEY, of Virginia.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, having considered the appeal of EMANUEL AMICK, from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, would report the following, which is mainly an extract of the report of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as a fair though brief statement of the facts of the case:

First. In substance that Bro. E. AMICK, of Goshen Lodge, was charged with "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow." This general charge is further carried out under different specifications, charging the brother with obtaining money fraudulently, and with obtaining the signature of a brother Odd Fellow to notes as his surety under certain promises to secure the brother thus bailing him, which it is charged he did not do, nor ever intended to do. A ballot was had and Bro. AMICK was declared expelled, from which decision he appealed to the District Grand Committee; which committee

Resolved, That the action of Goshen Lodge was illegal.

From the decision of the District Grand Committee, Goshen Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The points of error which were assigned against Goshen Lodge are as follows:

1st. The Noble Grand erred in allowing members to retire before ballot and after hearing the testimony.

2d. The Lodge erred in permitting a second ballot for the same offence.

3d. The Noble Grand erred in declaring the brother expelled upon a vote of fourteen in favor out of twenty-two members present, the same not being a two-third vote.

4th. The Noble Grand erred in declaring certain evidence for the defence as irrelevant after the same had been stated and allowed.

The Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, after a careful examination of the whole matter, came to the following conclusions:

'1st. That after the trial had commenced, one or two witnesses for the defence were allowed to state their testimony in order that they might retire before the close of the trial, and were then excused. The N. G., while admitting the testimony, stated his opinion that the same was not relevant to the case in hand.

"2d. We also find that while there were twenty-two members present but twenty-one were entitled to vote, one being in arrears for dues.

"3d. We also find that upon the first ballot it was discovered, before counting, that brothers voted who were not entitled so to do, and that the ballot was not counted but a new ballot ordered, which resulted in a vote of fourteen for expulsion and seven against.

"Your committee find no error in the N. G. allowing members to retire during the trial, nor in stating his opinion that the testimony given is irrelevant; the Lodge is the jury which considers the evidence in all its bearings.

"We think there was no error in declaring the brother expelled under a vote of fourteen out of twenty-two, one being in arrears, therefore not entitled to vote (see Article XVI., Sec. 5, Const. Sub. Lodges).

"We also think that the N. G. was right in ordering a re-balloting, upon discovering that the first ballot was an illegal one by reason of brothers voting who were not so entitled."

A resolution reported by the committee reversing the action of the District Grand Committee, and sustaining the action of Goshen Lodge was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. From this action an appeal is taken to this Grand Lodge.

From the examination which your committee have made of this case, they are of the opinion that the conclusions of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ohio are correct, and they therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. JOHNSON, WM. H. BAGLEY, W. H. THOMPSON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS, WM. S. DAVIS, NATHAN TAYLOR,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Correspondence report that examination of the voluminous general correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Secretary discloses the fact that a vast amount of intricate labor has been performed by these officers with a wisdom, skill, dignity, courtesy, and delicacy that are not only highly honorable to them personally, but also reflect credit on the Grand Lodge as well as the Order at large. Every subject contained in the letters referred to having been assigned to the various committees of this body, nothing is left your committee but to record their hearty approval of the manner in which the correspondence has been conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK, MONROE SHEIRE, ALBERT COHEN,
JOB B. ELDRIDGE, GEO. B. BOYLES, JAMES J. DAVIS,
J. L. PIERSON.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Appeals, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of ELIAS GOODMAN, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, have considered said appeal and submit their views herewith concerning the same.

At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1877, the following amendment to the Constitution of Degree Lodges in that State was proposed and entered on the Journal of that body:

"Amend Art. II., Sec. 1, Constitution of Degree Lodges, by adding after the last word in the section the words, 'When deemed necessary the Degree Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary in addition, to serve twelve months,' so that the section as amended will read:

"'Art. II., Sec. 1. The elective officers of this Degree Lodge shall consist of D. M., D. D. M., 1st Asst. D. D. M., 2d Asst. D. D. M., Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each. When deemed necessary the Degree Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary in addition, to serve twelve months.'"

At the session for 1878 this proposed amendment being under consideration, attention was called by Rep. E. WHITLOCK, of No. 127, to the reading of the same as printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1877, and the question was asked whether the amendment, if adopted, would read as there printed.

The Chair ruled that it would.

From this decision Grand Rep. J. W. STEBBINS appealed.

The Grand Master put the question, "Will the Grand Lodge stand by the Chair in its decision?"

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Sections 1 and 2 of Article II. of the Constitution for Degree Lodges in the State of New York read as follows: "Sec. 1. The elective officers of this Degree Lodge shall consist of Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each.

"SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Past Grand, First and Second Assistant Deputy Degree Masters, Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, who shall serve a regular term each."

As to the manner in which amendments may be adopted, the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New York (Sec. 7, Art. VI.) provide that "The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges cannot be changed or amended, except at a regular session of the Grand Lodge next after the regular session at which the proposition for such change and amendment shall have been submitted in writing by two Representatives," and the same rule is made applicable to amendments to the Constitutions of Degree Lodges in that jurisdiction. (See Sec. 1, Art. VI., Degree Lodge Constitution.)

The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1873 (page 467, Pro. 1873), and is still in force:

"*Resolved*, That all amendments offered in this Grand Lodge shall state the amendment, and then in full how it should read, if amended."

The question raised by this appeal is: Whether the amendment, if adopted, will read as printed in the Journal of 1877; or, in other words, Would this amendment, as stated in the second clause of the proposition to amend, be, if adopted, a valid amendment of the Constitution of the Degree Lodges in the jurisdiction of New York?

We think that the only object of the proposed amendment was to add to Section 1 of Article II. of said Constitution the words, "When deemed necessary, the Degree Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary in addition, to serve twelve months," and that the legal effect of this proposition was not impaired by the failure of the proposers of the amendment to comply with the above resolution.

The distinction between an amendment to a Constitution and an annexed statement showing how the section proposed to be amended would read if amended, is clearly recognized in this resolution, and it will be observed by

comparing the proposed amendment, as printed with the sections above recited, that while it only proposes to amend Section 1, it in effect changes both Sections 1 and 2, and would, if valid, render said article incoherent and unintelligible.

It is perhaps not improper to say, in this connection, that the practice of Grand Lodges, now too common, of allowing appeals to this Grand Body when no wrong or inconvenience can directly or indirectly occur to any one by the action appealed from, is not to be commended, and encourages members of the Order to raise abstruse questions, the decision of which are of little value compared with the time and labor necessary to their correct determination.

For the reasons above indicated, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of ELIAS GOODMAN, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, be sustained. Respectfully submitted,

A. T. MCKINNEY, WM. W. MORRIS, GEO. H. BIGELOW,
COLIN M. BOYD, JOHN M. PRICE, WM. WALLACE LEE,
E. H. SPENCER, A. F. CRAIG.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that the appeal case of P. G. M. BROSS be reconsidered and decided on its merits, would report that this Grand Lodge, in the reports on this case which were made at the last session, and which are found on pp. 7417–7418 of the Revised Journal, has all the facts which are in the possession of this committee. But to meet the wishes of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and give this Grand Lodge an opportunity to pass upon the merits of the appeal, your committee recommend that the two reports referred to as above, be considered and acted upon as the Grand Lodge may determine. Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN R. TOMPKINS, JAMES WOODYATT,
WM. H. BAGLEY, NATHAN TAYLOR, W. H. THOMPSON,
WM. S. DAVIS.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, asking the consideration and amendment of the law found in Section 1117 of the Digest, so that it shall prohibit the election as non-beneficial members, of those expelled for cause, would report that having carefully considered the same, they are of the opinion that this class of former members should not be eligible to such membership while laboring under such disability, and that in this respect the law should be amended. They therefore submit the following:

Add after the word "age," in the sixth line, the words "and who are not under expulsion for cause." So that it shall read as follows:

1117. *Non-affiliated Odd Fellows.* Non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly initiated in the Order, and have retained membership therein

for at least five consecutive years, and who, at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause, may be admitted to membership in any Lodge or Encampment as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, ERIE J. LEECH, F. P. DANN,
JOHN T. GIVEN, JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the memorial from California, presented by Rep. BEATTY, asking for certain legislation, would report that the subject-matter contained in the second, third, and fourth points has been considered by your committee in other reports at this session. In reference to the first point—that of revision of ritual—your committee submit that it should be done with great care and deliberation if at all, and would therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the subject-matter contained in the first point of said memorial be referred to a special committee of three to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KENNEDY, JOHN F. HAVENNER, THOMAS S. SPATES,
J. A. MILLER, C. F. HILDRETH, WM. N. FORD,
P. H. MULCAHY.

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, in reference to regalia and jewels for officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges, would report: The law as now existing provides that "the brethren shall wear the regalia which they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. Ladies shall wear the collar of the Degree of Rebekah, and in addition thereto, if elected or appointed to an office, the jewel of the respective office."

The law now permitting the ladies to hold the office of Noble Grand, and as there is no provision designating regalia or jewel for a lady Past Noble Grand, your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That in addition to the collar of the Degree of Rebekah, a lady Past Noble Grand shall be entitled to wear, as indicative of rank, a jewel of white metal, to be a five-pointed star. All jewels used in this degree to be of size in proportion to size of collar of the Degree of Rebekah.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KENNEDY, JOHN F. HAVENNER, THOMAS S. SPATES,
J. A. MILLER, P. H. MULCAHY, C. F. HILDRETH,
WM. N. FORD.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports in reference to the "Yellow Fever Epidemic in the South," have considered the same and beg leave to report that they cannot find language sufficiently strong to commend the liberal, open-hearted, and noble manner in which the Order has so promptly responded to the calls for relief from the afflicted districts, which shows so forcibly, in deeds that can never be forgotten, the true characteristics of our great brotherhood.

Your committee find upon a careful examination of the resolutions adopted heretofore, and found on pages 6577 and 6578 of the Journal, regulating the manner for receiving and distributing the funds made under the calls for relief, that there is great liability for misconstruction, and to make this provision more plain, they propose an additional resolution. It is well known that during an epidemic the Lodges in the places where it exists are entirely depleted in means, and their members often very much reduced by death, and there is always left on their hands from the effects of the scourge, a large number of destitute widows and helpless orphans, whose wants they are bound to relieve. We propose that if there should be any funds left over after the fever or other calamity subsides, which have been given for the relief of the distress occasioned by such calamity, that the amount, if any, shall be retained and credited to the Widow and Orphan Fund in each jurisdiction, to be used exclusively for the relief of those widows and orphans only who have been made such by the epidemic or other calamity for which the funds were given, and that a strict and separate account be kept of the same, which may be referred to at any time and reported to this Grand Lodge if necessary, and that the bond required on such occasions shall recite "that under no circumstances shall the funds contributed under any call for relief be in any way diverted from the purpose of the distress occasioned by the epidemic or other calamity existing when the calls were made."

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That if at any time when calls have been made for relief from any jurisdiction "suffering under any great calamity," the Relief Committee, appointed in accordance with the law of this Grand Lodge, shall have a surplus in their hands after the sickness or other calamity has subsided, and when there shall be widows and orphans left on their hands in a destitute condition who have been made so by the calamity, for the relief of which the funds were given, they shall be allowed to retain such funds in their hands to be used exclusively for the relief of such widows and orphans only, and for no other purpose whatever.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS, JOSHUA DAVIS, WM. LUCAS,
GEORGE H. SPORMAN, L. T. MINTURN.

Rep. DANN, of California, from the Legislative Committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. DANN, of California, at the last communication of this R. W. Grand Body upon the subject of inter-jurisdictional relief, together with the report of the Legislative Committee thereon, also the action of the Grand Lodge of California upon certain resolutions emanating from the Grand Lodge of Missouri upon a cognate subject, would respectfully report:

That the subject of inter-jurisdictional relief is one of the utmost importance, and upon the equitable adjustment of which will very materially depend the accomplishment of the mission of this Order in one direction at least, "the relief of distress and the burial of the dead." The necessity for the establishment of some system by which each jurisdiction may be required to provide for the proper care of its own sick and distressed members, when without as well as when within the limits of their own jurisdiction, is becoming the pressing need of the hour, and only as this Grand Lodge shall arise to the full appreciation of the situation, and occupy its legitimate position of dispensing exact justice to all, will the membership accord to it that high honor and dignity which it should be entitled to claim. A system which entails upon one jurisdiction the burdens which should be borne by all; which allows one jurisdiction to throw its burdens of relief upon another—without the possibility of such latter ever expecting or hoping to be reimbursed, is in itself wholly and entirely vicious, and only when this Grand Lodge by appropriate legislation shall have rendered such a system impossible, can it claim that it has practised that "justice which is the only sure foundation upon which our feet can stand."

Recognizing that our present system of inter-jurisdictional relief leads to results such as above intimated, the following is offered for the adoption of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the plan of intercourse, government, and exchange for the establishment of a proper system of inter-jurisdictional relief as introduced by Rep. DANN at the last session, pages 7466 and 7467 of the Revised Journal, in our judgment, presents a feasible basis for the establishment of such a system.

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested and instructed to report a proper law for the carrying out of the system, and report the same at the next communication of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DANN.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the proposition of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"That the following words in the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge, at its session in 1870, and digested as Section 1687a, White's Digest, viz.: 'Provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge,' be and the same are hereby repealed," have considered the same, and in view of the legislation already had at this session, and the more fully to aid in the restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following words, contained in the first resolution in Section 1687a, White's Digest, "*Provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge*," be and the same are hereby stricken out and repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, J. W. STEBBINS, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN T. GIVEN, F. P. DANN, O. G. DOUGLASS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JOHN U. PERKINS.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it shall meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out "4 o'clock" and inserting "8 o'clock," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to meet at 4 o'clock, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee to examine the History of American Odd Fellowship, by JAMES L. RIDGELY, Historiographer, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the History of Odd Fellowship, beg leave to report that after the brief and cursory examination that the committee have been enabled to give to the work, they unite in cordially recommending to the brotherhood this history of the first decade of Odd Fellowship in the United States as being of deep interest to all members of the Order, and containing a vast amount of valuable information not otherwise accessible.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ISAAC M. VEITCH, M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN N. INGERSOLL, THOS. R. WELCH.

On motion of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, the consideration of reports was resumed.

The first report, page 7804, from the Committee on Returns, on the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7806, from the Legislative Committee, on the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio on the subject of electing officers of Subordinate Encampments for one year, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. DANN, of California, was recommitted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, on a system of tactics and drill for Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the Memorial from the Lodges in the Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7807, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application for Unity Lodge, No. 8, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, and Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, Erin Springs, Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7808, from the same committee, on the application of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, to be placed under the

jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the application for Ranier Lodge, No. 11, Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, Friendship Lodge, No. 13, and Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition for a Grand Lodge in Washington Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7809, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. WALTON, of Oregon, to authorize the use of the funeral service of the Order at the burial of a sister of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the mission of the Deputy Grand Sire to Australia, was considered and adopted.

The special order was suspended, when Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was recommitted their report on the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, embodied in the following:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their best efforts to have the laws so changed that officers of Subordinate Encampments may be elected for one year, instead of six months," would respectfully report, that having fully considered the subject, they are satisfied it is a question which should be left to the local legislation of State Grand Encampments. They therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That State Grand Encampments are permitted, if they shall deem it for the best interest of Subordinate Encampments, to make the term of office one year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN U. PERKINS,
F. P. DANN, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to amend so that the resolution will read as follows:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges are hereby permitted in their discretion to make the term of office in Subordinates one year.

The question being on the amendment, Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, moved to add the following, which was accepted by Rep. OBERLY:

Provided, That the term of Subordinate Lodges shall be either six months or twelve months.

The question being on the amendment, Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to, forty-eight voting in the affirmative and sixty-seven in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, it was not agreed to, forty-eight voting in the affirmative and fifty-four in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, Rep. McCAHAN, of Maryland, moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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4 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report, as soon as possible, the legal status of this Grand Lodge with respect to the change of name adopted at this session considering the act incorporating this Grand Lodge heretofore granted by the Legislature of Maryland, that is to say, can the new name be used before an amendatory act be obtained from the Maryland Legislature?

Rep. DANN, of California, from the Special Committee on the death of NATHAN PORTER, Grand Representative, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your special committee on the death of Grand Representative NATHAN PORTER, of California, would respectfully report that the brethren of California, and the entire Order of Odd Fellows have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of this truly good man and noble Odd Fellow, and we know of no more feeling tribute that can be paid him than the one accorded by the Patriarchs of Golden Gate Encampment, No. 1, of San Francisco, of which he was a member. They say:

"When a person has so passed this earthly life that he may properly receive the commendation of 'Well done, good and faithful servant,' when called to enter upon his rest, it is but just to his memory that some record, however brief, should be made of the estimation in which he was held by

those with whom he was associated in life, that words of consolation may be spoken to the bereaved, that integrity and fidelity may be honored, and that a true character may not pass away unrecognized."

Patriarch NATHAN PORTER has gone from our earthly tents to the Encampment beyond the river, stricken down by the Angel of Death in the midst of his increasing usefulness, and in the full vigor of his manhood days. We can as yet hardly realize the great loss sustained by our Order in his death, for his name was a familiar one in every Lodge in our vast brotherhood, and his well-earned fame was not confined to his own State, or even to our national jurisdiction, for his signal ability as a counselor and legislator, his reputation as a speaker in expounding our laws or promulgating the principles of our Order, was acknowledged; and NATHAN PORTER was honored and loved wherever the language of Odd Fellowship is spoken. Of him it can truly be said, no one was more fully imbued with the pure principles of Odd Fellowship, or strove more faithfully to exemplify them in his daily life. Like Abou Ben Adhem he loved his fellow-man, and he found in our Order a place to labor congenial to his active mind and the warm impulses of his kind heart. He said, "He regarded Odd Fellowship, in its influence for good upon mankind, as the grandest, noblest, and most potent institution now extant in the world," and few, if any, among the illustrious names connected with Odd Fellowship, have done more than he to make it the power for good it now is in the land.

For more than a third of a century he was untiring in his zeal, and self-sacrificing in his labors to advance the best interests of the Order. Not seeking preferment (for he might have held the highest place), though he was called again and again to positions of honor, which he always filled with credit to himself, and by his wisdom, promptness, and affability of manner, reflected honor upon the positions he filled—he never shirked responsibility, and was always ready at duty's call. As a citizen he was a lover of his country, an upholder of its laws, faithful to all trusts reposed in him, fearless in condemning wrong, and firm in what he thought to be right; truthful and courteous in his intercourse with his fellow-men; a sincere and devoted friend; a true and affectionate husband and father. His was a well-rounded character, worthy of imitation. By those who knew him intimately in the social relations of life, he was sincerely loved and respected. Truly the Order has lost a wise counselor, a capable defender, a loved and honored Patriarch. May his virtues be engraved upon the tablets of enduring memory, and may his example be as a shining light, to guide the feet of those who enter our portals or tread the pilgrimage of life. And in our great loss we would not forget the family of the deceased, but would tender our sympathy and condole with them in this their great bereavement.

"Rest, Spirit free!
In the green pastures of the heavenly shore
Where sin and sorrow can approach no more,
With all the flock by the good shepherd fed,
Beside the streams of life eternal led,
Forever with thy God and Saviour blest,
Rest, sweetly rest!"

"From this bleak hill of storms,
To yon warm sunny heights
Where love forever shines,
Pass over to thy rest,
The rest of God."

In view of the esteem in which our deceased brother was held by this Grand Lodge, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing tribute to the memory of Patriarch PORTER be spread in full upon the records of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that the mourning tablet hereto annexed be printed on a mourning page of the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DANN, COLIN M. BOYD, JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
FRANK G. BEATTY, ALFRED R. COURTNEY.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, found on page 7792, as follows:

Strike out in Section 3 of said Article all of said section after the word "months," in line 5, and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz.: They shall be entitled to such mileage and per diem as this Grand Lodge may from time to time determine.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, ninety voting in favor and none against.

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the second resolution reported by the Committee on Finance, page 7789 (postponed at page 7841), was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the report and resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Sire submitted the following from Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa:

"I inclose a draft for $150, donated by Council Bluffs Lodge, No. 49, Humboldt Lodge, No. 174, and Hawkeye Lodge, No. 184, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the yellow fever sufferers."

The Chair submitted a Bohemian translation of the ceremony for Institution of Lodges, Installation of Officers, the Degree and the Rebekah Degree book, which was referred to the M. W. Grand Sire elect.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee to provide amendments to the Constitution, as required by the resolution of Rep. HERRING, of Texas:

Reps. HERRING, of Texas; JONES, of Ohio; COURTNEY, of Virginia; WELCH, of Arkansas; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; JONES, of Maryland; OBERLY, of Illinois; PERRY, of Ontario; CRANE, of New Jersey.

Rep. BOYD, of California, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Bro. J. B. HARMON, D. G. S., be asked to furnish this Grand Lodge in writing the interesting and valuable information made in his verbal report of his mission to Australasia, and the same be printed in the Revised Journal.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That when a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment is continuously re-elected to fill an office in either of said bodies, that it is not absolutely necessary for the brother to be formally installed at each succeeding election.

On motion of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7810, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, asking an amendment to the law governing the degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BEATTY, of California, concerning the translation of the ritual into the Italian language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7811, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of sundry Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, designating the Committee on Printing Supplies, etc., was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report be recommitted, which was agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the bills of the Grand Sire, the Committee on the Revision of the Degrees, and compensation to the janitor of the hall, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7812, from the Judiciary Committee, on certain questions from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7813, from the same committee, on the question from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, as to the right of that body to provide a dinner for its members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on a question propounded by the Grand Master of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the return of institution of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, Netherlands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7814, from the same committee, on the application of Unity Encampment, No. 2, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the subject of compensation to F. S. OSTHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire, and donation to Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, was considered and adopted, fifty-six voting in the affirmative and fifteen in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, concerning dues and benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7815, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the form of proclamation for celebrating the anniversary of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7816, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions of Rep. DANN, of California, submitted to the session of 1877, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, to await the presentation of a minority report on the same subject.

The next report, page 7817, from the same committee, on the preamble and resolution presented by Rep. BOYD, of California, on the subject of aid to traveling brothers and widows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The next report, page 7818, from the same committee, on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, on the subject of members in arrears for dues, was considered.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, moved to recommit the report to the Legislative Committee, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 7819, from the same committee, on the resolutions of Rep. BEATTY, of California, to provide a funeral service to be held in the Lodge-room, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the petition of A. J. LANGWORTHY, P. G. M., of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of M. J. REILLY, formerly of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7820, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 8, Province of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, that an appropriate funeral service for a Daughter of Rebekah be prepared, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7821, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the petition of B. C. TRUE and others, for a revision of the degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the subject of a new Digest, was considered and adopted.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Special Committee, page 7730, was indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The question being on the motion to reconsider, it was agreed to, 77 voting in the affirmative and 50 in the negative.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, on motion of Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, the report was recommitted.

The next report, page 7821, from the Special Committee on Encampment Regalia, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, was recommitted.

The next report, page 7822, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the act of incorporation of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3. Montreal, Province of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

Rep. DANN, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

Article XII.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; provided, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the Annual Session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

F. P. DANN, of California.
COLIN M. BOYD, of California.
L. I. MUNSON, of Connecticut.
J. L. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee.
S. H. BRADLEY, of Colorado.
T. I. DRIGGS, of Connecticut.

Rep. MUNSON, of Connecticut, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII. so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Wednesday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far

south as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

L. I. Munson, of Connecticut.
Nathan Taylor, of Massachusetts.
John N. Gale, of Vermont.
J. W. Stebbins, of New York.
J. B. Kimball, of Indiana.
T. I. Driggs, of Connecticut.
C. F. Hildreth, of New Hampshire.
James B. Blanks, of Virginia.
Stephen K. Dyer, of Maine.

Rep. Hildreth, of New Hampshire, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article XII. be so amended as to read as follows:

Article XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., in the city of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, unless by vote it shall decide otherwise. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

Chs. F. Hildreth, of New Hampshire.
Geo. A. Cummings, of New Hampshire.
Horace W. Stickney, of Massachusetts.
J. R. Miller, of New Hampshire.
A. F. Craig, of New Hampshire.
W. L. Sweeney, of Illinois.

Rep. Garey, of Maryland, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, as to the legal status of this Grand Lodge since its change of name—

Beg leave to report that the change of name does not impair any of the rights of this body which it has in any manner acquired. Until a new Charter is obtained, contracts can be made by this Grand Lodge under either name, and all legal rights and remedies under such contracts can be secured by the law under the old corporate name. At the same time it would be proper, and certainly more convenient, to have this body incorporated under its present name. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized and required to solicit and obtain from the next General Assembly of Maryland, a new or amended Charter for this Grand Lodge, by the name it has assumed at the present session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Garey, Samuel F. Gwinner, John F. Van Nort,
M. D. Herring, A. R. Courtney, Frank G. Beatty,
John Morgan, W. R. Hazlett, John Ham Perry.

Rep. Dann, of California, moved the following, the consideration of which was postponed until to-morrow.

WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Under the Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, No. 34, "every member is bound to vote unless excused;" therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays," whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll-call of said yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Montana, would respectfully report that we have considered the same and find the facts as follows:

Bro. JOHN LUKE, a member in good standing of Montana Lodge, No. 1, died and was buried. The Constitution of Subordinates, Article III., Sec. 5, reads:

"In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, there shall be allowed from the funds of the Lodge not less than thirty ($30) dollars to defray the expenses of burial. In the absence of competent relatives the N. G. shall take charge of the funeral."

The By-Laws of the Lodge read:

"On the death of a member in good standing the sum of seventy-five dollars shall be allowed for funeral expenses."

The N. G. of the Lodge decided that there could be no benefits paid to the heirs of Bro. LUKE, on the ground that they were not dependent heirs; and that bills contracted for the funeral of Bro. LUKE could not be lawfully paid by his Lodge, because Bro. LUKE's body was not taken charge of and buried by the Lodge. On an appeal to the Lodge the N. G. was sustained, when an appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who sustained the Lodge. The Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Montana approved the decision of the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge adopted their report sustaining the Grand Master's decision. From this decision of the Grand Lodge, the appeal is taken by T. MOLITER, P. G., and a member of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

This Grand Lodge has decided that funeral expenses must be paid, except "when a deceased brother has been buried while in the public service at the expense of the United States." See Digest, 197.

We therefore submit for your consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of T. MOLITER, P. G., be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, approving the decision of the Grand Master, be reversed. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON,	JAMES WOODYATT,	WM. S. JOHNSON,
WM. S. DAVIS,	NATHAN TAYLOR,	H. D. WALKER,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,	W. G. DYE,	W. H. BAGLEY.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, upon action of Milwaukee Lodge, No. 2, of that State, in refusing benefits to the amount allowed by the By-Laws of said Lodge on the death of a member, would report:

The only question before the committee was, whether the records in the case are complete or not, and on this point the papers as certified to by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the appellant disagree. We therefore submit the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That the appeal be recommitted to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, with instructions to ascertain all the facts in the case, and return the same printed and properly certified to this Grand Lodge at the next Annual Session.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON,	JOHN R. TOMPKINS,	NATHAN TAYLOR,
W. G. DYE,	JAMES WOODYATT,	WM. S. DAVIS,
H. D. WALKER,	WM. H. BAGLEY,	WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of J. F. MILLER, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in the case of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., *vs.* Templar Lodge, No. 17, of that jurisdiction, would respectfully report, that we find the facts to be as follows: Bro. T. B. ROBINSON was for some time receiving benefits from Templar Lodge. On the 11th of July, 1877, on a report made by the Visiting Committee, accompanied by the certificates of four physicians, the appellant was declared out of the care of the Lodge from June 27th. The appellant complained of the action of the Lodge at the meetings on July 18th and August 15th. At the meeting of August 29th the Visiting Committee of that term, consisting of seven members, three of whom were members of the former committee, made a written report, signed by all the members, that they did not consider the appellant sick within the meaning of the law entitling members to weekly benefits. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Article IV., Sec. 2, reads:

"SEC. 2. Every member qualified as required by the By-Laws shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily injury from following his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive from the funds of the Lodge, such weekly benefits as may be fixed by law, which in no case shall be less than one dollar per week for members of the Initiate; two dollars per week for members of the First and Second Degrees; three dollars per week for members of the Third and Fourth Degrees; and four dollars per week for members who have attained the Fifth or Scarlet Degree. All such benefits shall commence within six months from date of admission to membership."

The By-Law on the subject is:

"ARTICLE XXI., SECTION 1. A member, not disqualified to receive benefits, who, by sickness or accident may be rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, shall be entitled to, and may receive from the funds of the Lodge, three dollars per week if he be an Initiatory member; five dollars per week, if he has attained only the Third Degree; or ten dollars per week, if he has attained the Fifth Degree, during such sickness or inability, except he be absent from the city, in which case he must comply with the requisitions of the Second Section of this Article. His benefits shall commence at the time of being reported to the Lodge, or to any member of the Visiting Com-

mittee. If his sickness or inability proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct, or be occasioned by any constitutional disease or bodily infirmity which existed at the time of his admission, and which was concealed intentionally from the Lodge, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefits. And no brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member six months."

It does not appear from the testimony that the brother was incapable of earning a livelihood during the time that he was refused benefits by the Lodge, and from the records it would seem that the matter was fully and fairly considered by the Lodge. We therefore submit the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of California in the appeal of J. F. MILLER, P. G. Representative, in the case of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., *vs.* Templar Lodge, No. 17, be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON, JOHN R. TOMPKINS, NATHAN TAYLOR,
W. G. DYE, JAMES WOODYATT, WM. S. DAVIS,
H. D. WALKER, W. H. BAGLEY, WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, beg leave to report that the following Grand Bodies are without accredited Representatives in this Grand Lodge at the present session thereof, viz.: The Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Louisiana, Switzerland, Utah, Wyoming, and the Grand Encampments of Louisiana and South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. MCKINNEY, GEO. S. MOORE, E. A. PECK,
ROBERT HOCKIN, J. C. FORD, J. L. WEAKLEY.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, was referred, asking for such legislation as will dispense with the installation of such officers as shall be re-elected in Subordinate Lodges, would report that they deem such legislation inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, F. P. DANN, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
JOHN U. PERKINS, JOHN T. GIVEN.

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BOYD, Journal, 1877, pages 7351 and 7352, urging a revision of the installation service of

officers of Degree Lodges, have considered the same, and respectfully report that whilst the said service may be "crude and imperfect," yet as up to the present time it has answered the purpose for which it was issued, your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. MCLEAN, J. H. WHITE, C. M. BUSBEE,
A. B. CRANE, JOHN N. GALE.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from and after this day.

The proposed amendment to By-Law XXVIII., on page 7792, as follows, was considered and adopted, eighty-eight voting in the affirmative and eight in the negative:

Amend Article XXVIII. of the By-Laws, by striking out from the said By-Law all after the words "Grand Treasurer," so that the By-Law shall read as follows, viz.:

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at each Annual Session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of five members, including the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, moved to reconsider the vote had on the adoption of the report of the committee, on page 7822, Journal, approving a decision of the Grand Sire.

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, the motion was laid on the table.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock to-night, to go into secret session for the consideration of the revision of the degrees, which is hereby made the special order for that hour.

On motion of Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions that have contributed funds for the relief of yellow fever sufferers during the present season, be requested to send to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the amount of such contribution, specifying the name and amount each Lodge and Encampment that has so contributed, to the end that the generous contributions thus made may be recorded in the archives of this Grand Body.

Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution, adopted at this session, changing the name of this Grand Body, shall go into effect and be in force on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1879.

The Chair announced the following committee:

To prepare an appropriate Funeral Service to be held in the Lodge-room.—Reps. HEARN, of Alabama; LUCAS, of Nevada; MOORE, of Kentucky; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; MCCAHAN, of Maryland.

The Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session pursuant to the special order to that effect.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business was resumed, when

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, adopted May 16, 1878, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, D. B. WOODRUFF, GILBERT F. ROBBINS,
D. W. BRERETON, PETER S. HOFFMAN.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution submitted by Rep. HOUSEL, of Nebraska, to be found on page 7792, Journal, recommend that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. MILLER, GEORGE HASKINS, JOHN GIBSON,
I. C. STAFFORD, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JAMES B. BLANKS,
JOHN E. MCCAHAN, W. L. SWEENEY, M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MULCAHY, of Nevada, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada be allowed, in addition to their mileage and per diem, the sum of fifty dollars"—

Recommend that the same be rejected. Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. MILLER, GEO. HASKINS, M. J. DURHAM,
I. C. STAFFORD, JOHN GIBSON, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JOHN E. MCCAHAN, JAMES B. BLANKS, W. L. SWEENEY.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance submit the following statement of estimated receipts and expenditures of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year ending August 31, 1879.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From Representative Tax	$10,000 00
" Sale of Cards	10,000 00
" Sale of Odes	900 00
" Sale of Dismissal Certificates and Rebekah Certificates	10 00
" Sale of Books	5,000 00
" Charter Fees	300 00
" Dues of Subordinates	1,500 00
" Diplomas	500 00
	$28,210 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and Per Diem to Officers and Representatives	$14,000 00
Daily Journal	750 00
Revised Journal and Index	6,000 00
Books	1,000 00
Odes, Cards, and Diplomas	2,000 00
Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports	500 00
Salary of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary	2,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary	1,800 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	350 00
Salary of Grand Messenger	800 00
Rent, fuel, etc., Grand Secretary's office and lease of ground	460 00
Incidentals	1,000 00
D. D. Grand Sire Ostheim, expenses	100 00
Postage on Officers' reports and Daily Journal, session of 1878	200 00
Printing and binding vol. 9, Revised Journal	700 00
Bills of Grand Sire and Committee on Revision of Degrees	317 70

EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

John M. Jones	$23 00	
James B. Nicholson	15 80	
Fred. D. Stuart	10 00	
Charles H. Rawlings	17 00	
Theo. A. Ross, expenses to Washington	5 00	
		70 80
		$32,048 50

Your committee have disallowed the per diem claimed by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Assistant Grand Secretary, for services rendered by them on Committee on Printing Supplies, they being salaried officers of this Grand Body.

Your committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary, in the publication of the Revised Journal, be requested to condense the abstract of reports from the various jurisdictions, and in addition thereto omit such items as are not of vital interest to the Order. They furthermore recommend that the names of committees attached to reports be set in double columns, or what is known as half measure.

We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-two thousand and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents ($32,048 50), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and the R. W. Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrant on the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay all properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to sell from time to time such portions of the coupon bonds of this Grand Lodge as shall be necessary to pay the warrants of the R. W. Grand Secretary as above.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON, WM. J. MILLER, GEO. HASKINS,
JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, I. C. STAFFORD,
W. L. SWEENEY, JOHN E. MCCAHAN, M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, "that all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a complete set of the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the payment of five dollars and express charges," recommend the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a copy of White's Digest, free of charge (except express charges), and with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at cost.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. MILLER, JOHN E. MCCAHAN, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JOHN GIBSON, GEO. HASKINS, W. L. SWEENEY,
I. C. STAFFORD, M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Encampment Street Regalia, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee on Encampment Street Regalia, to whom was recommitted the report it made, found on pages 7730–3, respectfully present this supplementary report.

The committee recommend for adoption the entire report as presented, except the resolutions accompanying, which are hereby withdrawn, so that the proposed regalia be considered as merely recommendatory to the Encampment branch of the Order. The said report to embrace the amendment thereto found on page 7830.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JAMES S. TICKNOR,
JOHN T. GIVEN, WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no new business be introduced after the adjournment this evening, without unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 21, 1878—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I rise to express my high sense of acknowledgment of the courtesy and generous liberality of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in its legislation concerning the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, during this session, to which I

render my cordial assent. I cheerfully accept the provision made by the report of the Committee on Finance for the Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y, and adopted by the Lodge. But I desire to say at once that I shall not consent, with my present sense of duty and obligation to this institution, to become its pensioner. So soon as I shall cease, by reason of physical disability, to perform the general duties of this office, I shall retire from it promptly and return it to this Lodge for its proper occupancy.

On motion of Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of his remarks for publication in the Revised Journal.

The Grand Sire announced the receipt of twenty-five dollars from Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Salem, Oregon, for the relief of sufferers by yellow fever in the South.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the rule requiring reports to lie on the table for one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. A. B. GROSH, report that since the papers in this case came into the hands of the committee they have not had the time or the means to investigate the merits of the petition.

The representations made by Bro. A. B. GROSH in his memorial, in the opinion of the committee, entitle him to be heard in the premises. We therefore submit the following resolution and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the petition of Bro. A. B. GROSH be referred to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to investigate the facts in the case and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER J. GLENN, J. H. ROBINSON, FRANK GRAHAM,
JOHN GUNDAKER, THOS. R. WELCH, C. P. ELDER,
WM. E. HOGAN.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on the death of Bro. FRED. D. STUART, P. G. Sire, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the death of P. G. Sire FRED. D. STUART, would report that this Grand Lodge has seldom been called upon to mourn the death of one of its members more honored in its annals, more zealous in promoting the object and interests of our Order, and more efficient as an earnest laborer in its cause. For a period of nearly half a century he has been

identified with Odd Fellowship, and has filled every station of labor and honor from the lowest to the highest in its gift. In his own immediate Subordinate Lodge, in the Grand Bodies of his jurisdiction, and in this Grand Lodge, he has ever evinced an earnestness and faithfulness in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him. During his long service as an able Representative upon the floor of this body, he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his co-representatives, who, appreciating his fitness for the more exalted stations in the highest council of the Order, called him first to the position of Deputy Grand Sire, and subsequently to that of Grand Sire, in both of which positions he served with marked ability and with benefit to the Order at large, who, with us, mourn his loss as one of the most able exponents of the principles of our institution.

The committee recommend that the remarks made by Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, on the second day of this session, upon announcing the death of our distinguished brother, be printed in the Revised Journal, and that a memorial tablet be set apart therein, containing a synopsis of the services of our deceased brother.

The committee submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That in the death of P. G. Sire FRED. D. STUART, this Grand Lodge has lost a time-honored and efficient member, and the Order at large an eminent and zealous servant and co-laborer.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, with which our deceased brother was so long and earnestly identified.

Resolved, That the family of our deceased brother have our profound condolence and sympathy in this hour of their affliction and sorrow in the death of one so worthy of their love.

Resolved, That the remarks of Rep. GIVEN, on the death of P. G. Sire FRED. D. STUART, be spread upon the Revised Journal, and a memorial page be set apart therein commemorating the services of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC M. VEITCH, JOHN T. GIVEN, WM. R. MCLEAN,
JOHN F. HAVENNER, M. D. HERRING.

Rep. MILLER, of New Jersey, from the Special Committee on the German Translation of the Ritual, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee to whom was referred the copy of the translation of the work into the German language, beg leave to make the following report: That the time to perform said work properly at this session is too short, and respectfully ask that the committee be continued until the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted,

C. MILLER, ANTON ZIMMERER, ALBERT COHEN,
B. NEWMAN, NATHAN JONES.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, from the Special Committee on Funeral Ceremony, made the following report, which was postponed till the next session, and the committee was continued, with leave to present an additional report at the next session if they so desire:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee to prepare a form of Funeral Ceremony, beg leave to report:

That they have prepared no new ceremony, but an addition, which may be used with either of those already adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They propose the responsive service, hereto annexed, to be used immediately after the opening address by the Chaplain and before the hymn and closing prayer.

They respectfully submit the same and ask for its adoption.

GEO. B. BOYLES, J. W. VENABLE, WM. W. MORRIS.

CHAPLAIN. Man shall be brought to the grave. The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

NOBLE GRAND. What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

CHAPLAIN. There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain it; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that way.

NOBLE GRAND. Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?

CHAPLAIN. We are strangers before them, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on earth are as a shadow, there is none abiding.

NOBLE GRAND. Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

CHAPLAIN. To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to weep and a time to laugh.

NOBLE GRAND. If a man die, shall he live again?

CHAPLAIN. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. For we have here no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

RESPONSE BY BRETHREN, Farewell, brother! We hope to meet you in the Eternal Home.

(*After a pause.*)

CHAPLAIN. Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. HOFFMAN, of Indiana, and to Rep. OVIATT, of Michigan, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the call of jurisdictions was omitted for this day.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7842, from the Special Committee on a Plan of Endowment, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next Annual Session.

Rep. WOODRUFF, of Georgia, moved the following:

Resolved, That the subject of endowment, as reported by the special committee, be re-referred to the committee, with instructions to report at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Representatives to this Grand Lodge be requested to present the matter of endowment to their various State Grand Bodies, for the purpose of gaining an expression from those bodies relative thereto, and invite any suggestions which may be pertinent to the subject, to be forwarded to the committee during the recess of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to amend, by adding after "next session" the words "or at an adjourned session of this Grand Lodge, if such session shall be held," which was accepted by Rep. WOODRUFF.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the report was recommitted.

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the report of the Legislative Committee, page 7816, on the resolution of Rep. DANN, of California, was considered in connection with the minority report, page 7858, on the same subject.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the majority report be adopted.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved to amend by striking out the word "majority" and inserting "minority."

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was agreed to, sixty voting in the affirmative and forty-eight in the negative:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the two reports be dispensed with, and that the subject-matter be referred to a special committee of five, who shall report at the next session of this body.

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the report of the Legislative Committee, page 7817, on the resolution submitted by Rep. BOYD, of California, was considered.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to refer it to the special committee just authorized, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7848, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the affairs of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7849, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the questions of Reps. ROBBINS and ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolutions submitted by Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7850, from the same committee, on the resolution from the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, on the subject of a Revision of the Ritual in the French Language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application for the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7851, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the subjects referred to them in 1877, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. ANDERSON, of Rhode Island, moved to postpone the further consideration until the next session.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to postpone until the next session, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, a division was asked for.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the fourth resolution, Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved to strike out all after the word "guardian" in the fourth line, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the fourth resolution, it was agreed to, ninety voting in the affirmative and twenty in the negative.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved to reconsider the vote just had, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the fifth resolution, it was agreed to, and the report and resolutions as amended were adopted.

The next report, page 7853, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of EMANUEL AMICK, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7854, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the general correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7855, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of ELIAS GOODMAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7856, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the request from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in relation to the appeal of P. G. Master BROSS, at the session of 1877, was considered and adopted.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the reports on pages 7417 and 7418, Journal of 1877, which was agreed to.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved that the majority report, on page 7417, as follows, be adopted, which was agreed to:

In the appeal of F. BROSS, P. G. M., of Illinois, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, your committee find the facts to be as follows:

A brother made application in writing to his Lodge for a Withdrawal Card in the following words:

"Will you be so kind as to grant me a Withdrawal Card with the privilege of deposit?"

The Lodge granted the card in the usual form, which was accepted by the brother applying for it. In granting the card the Lodge ignored the request of the privilege to deposit. With this the brother was dissatisfied, and asked that such permission be given him, or that he be placed back in the Lodge without depositing his card as the law requires—in other words, that he should still be considered a member, notwithstanding a Withdrawal Card had been granted him. The Lodge refused to do either, and the Grand Master of said State decided: "That when the Lodge voted to grant the request of the brother for a Withdrawal Card, it voted to grant such card with the privilege of deposit;" that the Lodge could not legally vote to grant a

card with such a privilege attached to it, and declared the vote to be null and void, and directed it to be set aside. The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master in this decision, and from this action of the Grand Lodge this appeal is taken.

Your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained, and for the reason given by the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in their report of the case, which is as follows:

"Your committee consider the words used by the brother in his application, 'with the privilege of deposit,' simply superfluous; that if a card is voted to a brother, it carries with it the right to deposit it, without written permission, wherever he desires, the Lodge to which he may present it being willing to receive him, and no question of jurisdiction being raised; that the action of the Lodge in granting the Withdrawal Card was proper, and the superfluous words in the application did not affect the validity of the card."

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN PORTER, WM. H. BAGLEY, JAMES WOODYATT,
NATHAN TAYLOR, J. S. TICKNOR, J. R. TOMPKINS.

The next report, page 7856, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, on the subject of non-affiliated Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7857, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the memorial from California, presented by Rep. BEATTY, was considered and adopted.

The Chair named as the committee required by the resolution:

Reps. KENNEDY, of Ohio; HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; BEATTY, of California.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, on the subject of regalia and jewels for officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7858, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the subject of the yellow fever epidemic in the South, as referred to by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the negative.

The next report, page 7859, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, providing for a change in the law, Section 1687a, Digest, was considered.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by substituting the following for the resolution reported by the committee, which was accepted by the committee and the report, as amended, was adopted:

Resolved, That the following words contained in the resolution above referred to, viz.: "Provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge," be and the same are hereby repealed.

The next report, page 7870, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of T. MOLITER from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, was considered.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved that the report be recommitted, which was not agreed to.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to strike out the following:

This Grand Lodge has decided that funeral expenses must be paid except "when a deceased brother has been buried while in the public service at the expense of the United States." See Digest, 197.

Rep. BOYD moved to further amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert, "That the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana be sustained."

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next Annual Session, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 7871, from the same committee, on the appeal of JOHNSON I. ROBINS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of J. F. MILLER, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7872, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, on the subject of installing officers who are re-elected, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. BOYD, of California, urging a revision of the ceremony for installing the officers of Degree Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7874, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. HOUSEL, of Nebraska, proposing extra compensation to the Representative from Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. MULCAHY, of Nevada, to pay the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada fifty dollars each, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7875, from the same committee, on the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. MCCAHAN, of Maryland, moved to amend by inserting $23 in place of $5, as compensation to THEODORE A. ROSS, Secretary of the Committee on Printing Supplies, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7876, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, on the subject of distributing the Journals and Digests to Representatives who have not heretofore received them, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, moved to amend, by inserting the following in place of the resolution in the report of the committee:

> That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States *free of charge* (except express charges), and with one copy of White's Digest and Book of Forms *at cost.*

The question being on the amendment of Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa, Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the subject be laid on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed by Rep. NEWMAN, of Iowa?" which was agreed to, sixty voting in the affirmative and fifty-five in the negative.

The question being on the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Andrew, Bagley, Barrows (2 votes), Beatty, of California, Beatty, of Oregon, Bell, Bigelow, Blanks, Brereton, Busbee, Charlton, Cohen, Courtney, Davis, of Arkansas, Davis, of Montana, Douglass, Eldridge, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gale, Glenn, Gundaker, Havens, Haynie, Hazlett, Henderson, Hoffman, Hogan, Johnstone, Jones, of Ohio, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Kimball, Lee, Lucas, McKinney, Meacham, Miller, of Dakota, Miller, of New Hampshire, Miller, of New Jersey (2 votes), Morgan, Mulcahy, Newman (2 votes), Perkins, Pierson, Price, Robbe, Robinson, Shaffner (2 votes), Shearer (2 votes), Sheire, Spencer, Underwood (2 votes), Van Nort (2 votes), Vinton, Walker, Weakley, Welch, Williston, Woodruff.—67.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Backensto, Barrett, Boyd, Boyles, Craig, Crane, Cummings, Dann (2 votes), Davis, of Maine, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Elder, Garey, Gibson, Given, Graham, Gwinner, Harwell, Haskins (2 votes), Herring, Hickok, Hildreth, Hockin, Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Lindsley, Marshall, McCahan, McLean (2 votes), Miller, of Rhode Island, Miller, of West Virginia, Minturn (2 votes), Mucklé, Munson, Nutt, Oberly, Peck, Perry, Rawlings, Robbins, Sheppard, Shipley, Spates, Sporman, Stafford, Stickney, Sweeney, Taylor, Ticknor, Walton, Woodyatt, Zimmerer.—58.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on Encampment Street Regalia, was considered and adopted.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire fill the vacancies in the committee appointed under a resolution adopted on page 7006 of the Journal of 1876, and that said committee be authorized to hear and consider the statements of parties who may feel aggrieved in the premises, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair announced the following as the committee called for:

Reps. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; BOYD, of California; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the change of the name of this Grand Lodge shall in no wise prevent the use and sale of the supplies now on hand in their present form, and that all such supplies shall be proper and legal for all purposes for which they were intended when printed.

The Chair announced the following special committees:

Committee on the Petition of BRO. A. B. GROSH (Journal, 7878).—Reps. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; GIVEN, of the District of Columbia; RAWLINGS, of Maryland.

Committee on General Relief, as provided for by the resolution of BRO. SANDERS, *P. G. Sire* (Journal, 7881).—BRO. SANDERS, P. G. Sire; Reps. DANN, of California; HERRING, of Texas; BIGELOW, of Vermont; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania.

The Chair submitted the following, which was referred to the Grand Officers:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 19, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been instructed to request you to invite the Grand Sire and such other officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as you may deem proper, to participate in the rededicatory services at Odd Fellows' Hall, Eighth Street southeast, on the 2d of October. Yours in haste,

GEO. E. EMMONS, *Chairman of Com.*

To Grand Rep. JOHN T. GIVEN.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the following:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday before the day fixed for the meeting of the Annual Session of 1879, and at said adjourned session the report of the Special Committee on Revision be made the special order of business, and that no other business shall be transacted at such special session except, if time permit, the subject of Endowment as proposed by a special committee on page 7842 of the Journal.

Resolved, That at such adjourned session mileage shall only be paid to the Representatives elected to the session of 1879, but per diem shall be paid to Representatives who attend the adjourned session.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the subject, which was not agreed to.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to postpone the subject until after the consideration of reports is concluded, which was agreed to.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred Rep. MORRIS' resolution, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the plan for establishing an 'additional funeral benefit,' embraced in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and which its Representatives were instructed to advocate, be referred to the Legislative Committee," have considered the subject and find that this Grand Lodge has recommended "the formation of widows' and orphans' endowments by those members of the Order who may form, in the several jurisdictions, an auxiliary association for such purpose." (Report of Legislative Committee, page 7363, Revised Journal, 1877); and believe the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in establishing an "additional funeral benefit" to be a move in the above-mentioned direction, which is based upon the *voluntary act* of members of the Order in said jurisdiction. In other words, said benefit association only applies to those brothers who of their own accord join it, but it is managed through the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction and officers of the Subordinate Lodges. Therefore it is of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as above referred to, shall be sustained; pro-

vided, however, that no action of said Subordinate Grand Body shall in any way bind its own moneys or the funds of its Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said "funeral benefit association." The only obligation the several Lodges shall be under is to secure from their respective officers the faithful discharge of such duties as the said funeral benefit association may impose upon them. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN T. GIVEN,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, F. P. DANN, S. H. BRADLEY,
O. G. DOUGLASS.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Special Committee on the subject of amending the Constitution, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolution to report at this session such amendment to the Constitution as may be necessary to readjust the basis and reduce the representation in this Grand Lodge, have considered the same and beg leave to report that our present basis of representation was adopted in 1854, at which time there were twenty-one State Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments, with a membership of 222,259. We have now forty-eight Grand Lodges and thirty-nine Grand Encampments, with nearly 500,000 contributing members. Upon these statistics it is submitted that no argument is required to show that the reason for the basis of representation adopted in 1854 has ceased, and that another, adapted to the present condition of the Order, is an absolute necessity, or that some other change should be made, so as to reduce a representation that has become more unwieldy and expensive than wise legislation and the best interests of Odd Fellowship warrant.

Your committee therefore submit for the consideration of this Grand Lodge the following amendment:

Amend Article IX., Section 2, to read as follows:

Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows: To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand members or less in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives; provided that this amendment shall in no way interfere with the term of office of Representatives elected before the adoption hereof.

M. D. HERRING, of Texas.
A. R. COURTNEY, of Virginia.
THOS. R. WELCH, of Arkansas.
A. B. CRANE, of New Jersey.
JOHN M. JONES, of Maryland.
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania.
J. H. OBERLY, of Illinois.
J. HAM PERRY, of Ontario.
NATHAN JONES, of Ohio.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Roberts' Rules of Order be and hereby are adopted for the government of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in all cases wherein the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge now in force do not apply."

Have examined with great care the above-named work, and unhesitatingly say that in our opinion it is one of the most comprehensive and easiest of reference of any book of the kind now extant, and is well adapted to all legislative bodies. We ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH, JOHN C. UNDERWOOD F. P. DANN,
S. H. BRADLEY, O. G. DOUGLASS, JOHN T. GIVEN,
JOHN U. PERKINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

Rep. DRIGGS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the correspondence from the District Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of Chile, involving the expulsion of the latter from our Order, beg leave to report that this correspondence is received by us so late in the session, that we cannot give the subject the attention it deserves, and we therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the incoming Grand Sire.

Respectfully submitted,

T. I. DRIGGS, TAL. P. SHAFFNER, J. R. HARWELL,
A. D. MEACHAM, J. R. MILLER, WM. J. MILLER.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution moved by Rep. SHEIRE, of Minnesota, viz.:

Reesolvd, That the amendment to the Constitution adopted at this session changing the name of this Grand Body, shall go into effect and be in force on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1879.

Beg leave to report that Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of amendments to that instrument, provides how amendments may be proposed and considered, and declares that such amendments after having been properly proposed, "may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become part of this constitution." The amendment changing the name of this Grand Lodge having been properly proposed, and a vote being taken upon its adoption, it having been declared adopted by the necessary three-fourth vote, it immediately became the constitutional provision upon the subject, and is now in full force and virtue. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, M. D. HERRING, JOHN MORGAN,
JOHN F. VAN NORT, JOHN HAM PERRY, W. R. HAZLETT,
FRANK G. BEATTY, HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on Encampment Regalia, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolution (page 7728, Journal) instructing it "to recommend a suitable regalia to be worn by officers and members of an Encampment when in session," respectfully ask permission to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JOHN T. GIVEN, J. S. TICKNOR,
WM. S. JOHNSON.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order. made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee appointed at this session (page 7725, Journal), respecting the Patriarchal branch of the Order, present this preliminary report, that in consequence of the press of business at this session that has devolved upon the members of the committee, and the importance of the subjects submitted to them by the above-mentioned resolution, they are unable to make such a report, at this session, as will be commensurate with the gravity of the matters placed under their consideration; and, therefore, the committee make this statement, and ask leave to report to the next session of this Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, JOHN T. GIVEN, C. M. BUSBEE,
JAMES B. BLANKS.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved that the resolutions on page 7888, as follows, be considered, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday before the day fixed for the meeting of the Annual Session of 1879, and at said adjourned session the report of the Special Committee on Revision be made the special order of business, and that no other business shall be transacted at such special session except, if time permit, the subject of Endowment as proposed by a special committee on page 7842 of the Journal.

Resolved, That at such adjourned session mileage shall only be paid to the Representatives elected to the session of 1879, but per diem shall be paid to Representatives who attend the adjourned session.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved that the preamble and resolution on page 7870, Journal, as follows, be considered, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such constitution; and

WHEREAS, Under the Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, No. 34, "every member is bound to vote unless excused;" therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that in contemplation of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays," whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll-call of said yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting.

The question being on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be instructed to add two members to the Committee on Endowment Benefit, so that the committee shall consist of five instead of three.

The Chair announced the appointment of Reps. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, and HERRING, of Texas, on the committee.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, presented the following, which was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, Representatives from the jurisdiction of Texas in this Grand Body, respectfully protest against the action of this Grand Lodge in adopting the resolution offered by Past Grand Sire VEITCH, approving the action of Grand Sire J. W. STOKES, in issuing his proclamation of date August 17, 1878, directing the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, for the present year, to be held in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, instead of the city of Austin, Texas, in accordance with the resolution of this body at its Annual Session in 1877.

It is not claimed that our M. W. Grand Sire was authorized by our Constitution or laws to issue this proclamation, but it has been suggested that an emergency existed so pressing and urgent as to warrant this unprecedented exercise of authority.

We deem it due to ourselves to say that we believe that no such emergency existed, that no case of yellow fever has occurred during the present year in the State of Texas; that the city of Austin is and has been healthy; that the towns and cities through which it was necessary for Representatives to pass in traveling to Austin, are and have been free from contagious diseases; that full information on these subjects was communicated to the M. W. Grand Sire before the issuance of said proclamation, by the undersigned and by the chairmen of the Reception and Transportation Committees of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, and that said change was made without consultation with the Representatives of our jurisdiction. We do not seek to question the motives of our M. W. Grand Sire, but deem it proper to state these facts, which have induced us to reach conclusions in respect to this matter different from the one adopted by that officer. The specific objection that we desire to place on record, is that this Grand Body adopted the resolution above referred to, without a careful examination into the circumstances claimed as a justification of the course pursued by our M. W. Grand Sire, so that the most extraordinary assumption of authority, perhaps, in the annals of our Order was, without such investigation, "in all things approved, ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed."

This would seem to indicate that in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, the Executive Head of the Order is invested with unlimited authority. We do not believe that "extraordinary powers" are vested in any of our officers, but that there are severe and definite limitations on the authority of each of them, from the highest to the lowest; that no member of the Order, officer or not, is above the law, and that our government framed by the wisdom of the fathers of blessed memory, is one of laws and not of men.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING, I. C. STAFFORD,
Representatives Grand Lodge of Texas.

J. A. HAYNIE, A. T. MCKINNEY,
Representatives Grand Encampment of Texas.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 21, 1878.

(The following came too late for insertion in the proper place (page 7749), on account of the inability of Rep. BARROWS to reach his home at Jackson, Miss., until late in November.)

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I rise to announce the sad loss that has befallen the jurisdiction of Mississippi since our last annual meeting by the death of three of her Past Grand Representatives.

Past Grand Master THOMAS SHACKELFORD represented his State in this Grand Body in the years 1856 and 7. He departed this life on the 19th of December last, in the city of New Orleans, whither he had gone for medical treatment.

He was born in Jefferson County, in the State of Mississippi, and was at his decease 64 years and 16 days of age.

He was one of the Charter Members and the first Noble Grand of Evergreen Lodge at its organization at Canton (the place of his residence) over thirty years ago, and continued in good standing in his Lodge up to the time of his death.

The passing away from our midst into eternity of a citizen of such prominence in the State as Judge SHACKELFORD is an event that deeply impresses itself upon all who knew him.

As a public man he identified himself with the fortunes of his native State and with the true interests of her people.

He occupied for a considerable length of time the chief seat of justice in Mississippi, and when he left that high place of honor and dignity, he put off the official ermine without a visible spot or stain.

In times of trial and in positions of difficulty he was always found to be unswervingly true to his principles and to the instincts of his generous and manly nature.

In his friendship he was indeed faithful; in his susceptibilities he was tender and emotional; and in disposition and temperament he was genial in a very high degree. He loved the beautiful in all its forms; and such was his cultivated taste that he would, whenever occasion offered, eagerly seek a solace in its charms, and derive enjoyment from the æsthetics of life by which he was surrounded.

He had not reached the full age of man when the rich mellow light with which it was his wont to illumine the sacred precincts of his home was extinguished from earth forever. But upon that brow, now cold in death, honors thick had clustered, and as he went forth from our ranks and left his vacant place, many eyes were dim with tears and many hearts were full of sighs, and to us now the memory of our departed friend and brother is redolent with the fragrance of his virtues.

Past Grand Master N. G. BRYSON represented the jurisdiction of Mississippi in the years 1853 and 4. He died in the city of Vicksburg on the 4th day of February, 1878, at the age of 64 years, 1 month, and 22 days.

He was for many years a faithful and active member of his Lodge, and continued as such in good standing up to the time of his death. He was also identified with the Masonic fraternity, and was a useful and zealous member of the Fire Department.

He belonged to the Church and strictly conformed to her requirements, and was at the time of his death Senior Warden of his church and Superintendent of its Sunday-school. In all the varied departments of life in which Bro. BRYSON was called upon to enact his part, he exhibited on all occasions a conscientious and zealous, as well as a most efficient discharge of duty.

His life was a grand illustration of the vital principles of Odd Fellowship in the every-day walks of life.

Faithfulness, integrity, and honor were his watch-words, and these grand principles were the sublime characteristics of his life, not only in his official character, but in all his intercourse with his fellow-men. He was honored with positions of high trust and confidence in the community in which he lived, and in every instance he reflected honor upon the positions he occupied, and not only displayed eminent fitness and ability, but a degree of moral worth and excellence rarely witnessed.

His death was a local calamity—a subject of sorrow and regret—but, brethren, I can confidently say this, amid the gloom of his departure; that he has indeed left us a rich heritage of his bright and glorious example in his unsullied life and spotless character.

Past Grand Master JOHN L. MILTON was a Representative in this body in the years 1872, 3, 4, and 5. He was a native of South Carolina, and died on the 14th of August, one of the first victims of that dreadful scourge, the yellow fever, in the city of Grenada. He was at the time of his death 55 years of age.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of our State, held a few weeks before his death, Bro. MILTON was present in robust health, and attended actively and energetically to the business before the Lodge, as he always did on every occasion.

Dr. MILTON was extensively known and respected, and he possessed the confidence of his fellow-citizens in a very high degree.

He had lived in Grenada for thirty years and had been twice elected Mayor of that city, the second time without any opposition.

He represented his county in the Legislature with zeal and ability, as well as with great honor and credit to himself and faithfulness to his constituents.

He was also for two years a Trustee of the State Lunatic Asylum.

Bro. MILTON was a man of great public spirit, and always took a lively interest in current events, especially in such as affected the welfare of the country.

At the breaking out of the pestilence, as the chief municipal officer of Grenada, he stood firm at his post and aroused all his energies to meet the necessities of the dread occasion, and vigorously worked for the succor and relief of the suffering community until he was stricken down by the fell destroyer.

He was faithful in all the relations of life; as a member of the Methodist Church, his consistent piety and his loyalty to religious principles were always unquestioned.

As a friend, brother, parent, husband, the same integrity of character and goodness of heart were manifested, and gained for him the love and confidence of all.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

First. Repeal Article I., Section 1.

Second. Substitute for Article I., Section 1, the following:

This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the "*Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*"

Third. That the words "Sovereign Grand" shall be substituted for the word "Grand" in each and every subsequent Article and Section of the Constitution where the same refers to the name of this Grand Lodge.

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky. C. M. BUSBEE, of North Carolina.
M. D. HERRING, of Texas. JOHN F. VAN NORT, of New York.
WM. J. MILLER, of Rhode Island.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned respectfully reports the receipt of the following contributions for the relief of the sufferers by yellow fever:

From Asylum Lodge, No. 70, Augusta, Maine		$25 00
" Cañon City Lodge, No. 7, Cañon City, Colorado		25 00
" Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, Burlington, Vermont		25 00
" Green Mountain Encampment, No. 9, Burlington, Vermont		25 00
" Edgecomb Lodge, No. 50, Tarboro, North Carolina		15 00
" Mountain Lodge, No. 27, Eureka, Nevada		50 00
" Council Bluffs Lodge, No. 49, Council Bluffs, Iowa		50 00
" Humboldt Lodge, No. 174, Council Bluffs, Iowa		50 00
" Hawkeye Lodge, No. 184, Council Bluffs, Iowa		50 00
" Olive Lodge, No. 18, Salem, Oregon		50 00
" Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Salem, Oregon		25 00
" Utah Lodge, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah		125 00
" Union Lodge, No. 6, Ogden, Utah		50 00
Total		$565 00
Transmitted to Memphis, Tennessee	$185 00	
" " New Orleans, Louisiana	200 00	
" " Summit, Mississippi	180 00	
		565 00
Reported on page 7695, Journal		675 00
Total received to this date		$1,240 00

The following telegram has been received:

SALT LAKE, UTAH, September 21, 1878.

Mailed to you to-day, fifty dollars, donated by Odd Fellows of Park City, Utah, for yellow fever sufferers. E. R. KNEASS,
Secretary of Utah Lodge, No. 1.

The amount, when received, will be forwarded to Tennessee and Mississippi.

I have also received a letter as follows:

VIRGINIA, NEVADA, September 12, 1878.

I this day telegraphed to your order through the Nevada Bank, two hundred and fifty dollars, the same being subscriptions from the four Lodges and Pioneer Encampment of this city, to be donated to the Odd Fellows who are sufferers by the yellow fever, which please distribute to those most needy, at your discretion, and oblige, Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM H. HILL, *Grand Secretary.*

(See page 7695.)

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to cause an index to be prepared for the ninth volume of the Journal, the cost of the same to be paid out of the incidental fund.

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, the Lodge proceeded to the installation of the officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M., of California, the M. W. Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. Sire ISAAC M. VEITCH, and P. G. Sire JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, will be presented by HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, and JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M., of Kentucky.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, will be presented by TAL. P. SHAFFNER, P. G. P., of Kentucky, and ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa.

JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, will be presented by NATHAN JONES, P. G. M., of Ohio, and JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M., of Ontario.

The Assistant Grand Secretary will be presented by AARON B. CRANE, G. Rep., of New Jersey, and I. C. STAFFORD, P. G. M., of Texas.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Guardian, and R. W. Grand Messenger, will be presented by HENRY LINDENBERG, P. G. Rep., of Ohio, and JOHN H. OBERLY, G. Rep., of Illinois.

The Chair presented the bond of the Grand Treasurer elect, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

JOHN B. HARMON, Past Deputy Grand Sire, of California, M. W. Grand Sire elect, was presented by Past Grand Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, and Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and seated to the right of the Chair.

LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep., of Georgia, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, was presented by HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., of Maryland, and JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M., of Kentucky, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by TAL. P. SHAFFNER, P. G. P., of Kentucky, and ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by NATHAN JONES, P. G. M., of Ohio, and JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M., of Ontario, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. Rep., of Maryland, appointed by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as Assistant Grand Secretary, was presented by AARON B. CRANE, G. Rep., of New Jersey, and I. C. STAFFORD, P. G. M., of Texas, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, nominated the following Grand Officers:

Rev. J. W. VENABLE, P. G. Rep., of Kentucky, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

NATHAN TAYLOR, P. G. Rep., of Massachusetts, R. W. Grand Marshal.

B. H. WOODELL, P. G., of North Carolina, R. W. Grand Guardian.

CHARLES H. GATCH, P. G. P., of Maryland, R. W. Grand Messenger.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge, the nominees were presented, installed by the M. W. Grand Sire, and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire retiring, surrendered the chair and gavel to his successor, and addressed the incoming Grand Sire and the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES,—The time has now arrived for me to surrender to my successor the office with which I was honored two years ago. And whilst I feel a great relief in casting its cares and responsibilities upon the shoulders of one so competent to discharge them, there comes over me feelings of sadness and regret in the separation of official duties that have at all times been so pleasant and agreeable.

In assuming the honored position of presiding over a body so distinguished for their earnest and unselfish devotion to a cause that has for its great purpose the elevation and good of their fellow-men and brethren, I felt assured that no one during our deliberations, however much they might differ in judgment as to the means of accomplishing the greatest good, would intentionally desire anything wrong, and therefore sedulously endeavored to cooperate with them in the same feeling and spirit.

I have doubtless erred many times, but your generous forbearance has at all times been so kindly extended, that I feel as I stand in your presence to address you for the last time as Grand Sire, to thank you, and to confess my short-comings; that the spirit of forgiveness is welling up in advance from the hearts that have been so long trained in the school that teaches us to veil with the mantle of charity the faults and errors of our fellow-men and brethren.

The duties of a presiding officer are always responsible, and at times exceedingly delicate, and whilst I may have unconsciously given offence to some, I can only plead in extenuation that none was ever designed; and in retiring from the chair, I beg to assure you, that I do so without the thought that any one has intended the least indignity to me. And now, M. W. Grand Sire, I surrender to you this high and honorable place, and most heartily congratulate you upon being chosen to fill it, and hope you will be honored during your official term as I feel I have been honored and sustained during my incumbency, with the confidence, love, and respect of this great *fraternity* and its distinguished Representatives.

You will receive this emblem of your authority, with my congratulations to the entire Order, of which you are now the chosen head, in surrendering it to a successor of such distinguished ability and devotion to the cause of a higher and better social life and civilization.

The M. W. Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, on taking the chair, appropriately addressed the Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, LUTHER J. GLENN, being called upon, addressed the Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES,—This call upon me is unexpected. I must therefore, especially in view of the fact that we are now ready to adjourn, ask to be excused from any effort to "make a speech."

I avail myself, however, of the opportunity thus afforded by your kindness, to return you my thanks for the honor which in my absence you have conferred upon me.

An election to the second highest office in the gift of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at any time, may well fill the ambition of any man. The circumstances, however, under which I was elected, render the honor doubly dear to me. I shall ever esteem and regard it as the highest compliment my brethren of this Grand Lodge could have bestowed upon me. I shall labor to perform the duties of Deputy Grand Sire with fidelity and to the best of my ability.

Again, I thank you, my brothers, and trust you will never have cause to regret this bestowal of your kindness and confidence.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That J. B. HARMON, Grand Sire, LUTHER J. GLENN, Deputy Grand Sire, and J. W. STOKES, Past Grand Sire, be requested to furnish a copy of their remarks, the same to be entered upon the Journal.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Bro. JOHN W. STOKES, retiring M. W. Grand Sire, for the courteous, efficient, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office.

Resolved, That Past Grand Sire STOKES be requested to sit for his portrait, that it may be placed in this hall, with those of his distinguished predecessors, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay for the same when completed.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to procure a steel-plate engraving of Past Grand Sire STOKES, and have copies of the same placed in the ninth volume of the Journal.

The Chair announced the following committees:

Committee on Printing Supplies.—Rep. JONES, of Maryland; Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire; Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia; Grand Secretary RIDGELY, and Grand Treasurer VANSANT.

Sub-Committee on Finance.—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, and MCCAHAN, of Maryland.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was agreed to.

The Lodge being called up, the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, desire to acknowledge Thy great goodness.

We thank Thee for the various and multiplied blessings bestowed upon us, and especially for the privileges of social and fraternal intercourse enjoyed during the week now closing. May the results of this session be eminently productive of good to our great brotherhood, far and wide, strengthening the ties that bind us together, and making this Order to be a name and a praise among the institutions of benevolence in all the world. We invoke Thy blessing upon our brethren, our country and constituted authorities, and upon all the sons and daughters of affliction. Have compassion, O God, upon the plague-stricken portions of our land, and grant that the blessings of health and prosperity may speedily take the place of the devouring pestilence. Preserve the members of this body from peril and danger in our homeward journeyings, that we may again greet our loved ones in peace and safety. And may we all be found at last among the happy number whose names are written in the book of ever-lasting remembrance, and who shall be Thine in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels.

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
G. C. and R. Secretary.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal,* 1870, page 4861.

NAME.	JURISDICTION.	RESIDENCE.
J. Maris	Delaware	Wilmington, Delaware.
L. A. Gobright	District of Columbia	Washington, D. of C.
Alex. L. Spear	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
Alex. K. Mantz	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
E. Gover Cox	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
John A. Thompson	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland.
C. C. Archer	Missouri	St. Louis, Missouri.
D. W. C. Langdon	New York	Brooklyn, New York.
W. H. Clark	North Carolina	Philadelphia, Penn.
Henry Lindenberg	Ohio	Columbus, Ohio.
Joseph Dowdall	Ohio	Columbus, Ohio.
Hugh Latham	Virginia	Alexandria, Virginia.

APPENDIX.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, 1878.

OFFICERS.

JOHN B. HARMON, M. W. Grand Sire.....San Francisco, California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, R. W. D. Grand Sire.....Atlanta, Georgia.
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary.Baltimore, Maryland.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.....Baltimore, Maryland.
THEO. A. ROSS, R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary..Baltimore, Maryland.
Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.....Versailles, Kentucky.
NATHAN TAYLOR, R. W. Grand Marshal.....Worcester, Massachusetts.
B. H. WOODELL, R. W. Grand Guardian..... Raleigh, North Carolina.
CHAS. H. GATCH, R. W. Grand Messenger.....Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.

[Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.]

ALABAMA.

G. Lodge, John R. Tompkins, P. G. M.....Mobile.
G. Lodge, *W. C. Hearn*, P. G. Chaplain.....Huntsville.
G. Encampment, George H. Sporman, P. G. P.....Eufaula.

ARKANSAS.

G. Lodge, Albert Cohen, P. G. M.....Little Rock.
G. Lodge, *Thomas R. Welch*, P. G. M.....Little Rock.
G. Encampment, *William S. Davis*, P. G. P.....Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge.....

CALIFORNIA.

G. Lodge, Colin M. Boyd, P. G. Rep.....San Francisco.
G. Lodge, *Frank G. Beatty*, P. G. Rep.....Grass Valley.
G. Encampment, F. P. Dann, P. G. M.....San Francisco.
G. Encampment, *Charles N. Fox*, P. G. M.....San Francisco.

CHILE.

G. Lodge.....

COLORADO.

G. Lodge, S. H. Bradley, P. G. M.....Black Hawk.
G. Lodge, Jas. H. Decker, P. G. Rep.....Boulder.
G. Encampment, Clarence P. Elder, P. G. M. & P. G. P.Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

G. Lodge, Theodore I. Driggs, P. G. M.....Waterbury.
G. Lodge, *William Wallace Lee*, P. G. M.....West Meriden.
G. Encampment, L. I. Munson, P. G. P.....Waterbury.
G. Encampment, *William N. Andrew*, P. G. P.....Norwich.

DAKOTA.

G. Lodge, *Ezra W. Miller*, P. G. M.....Elk Point.

DELAWARE.

G. Lodge, Daniel W. Brereton, P. G.....Lewes.
G. Lodge, *Edward H. Spencer*, P. G. P.....Wilmington.
G. Encampment, John L. Pierson, P. G. P.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge, William R. McLean, P. G. M.....Washington.
G. Lodge, *John F. Havenner*, P. G. Rep.....Washington.
G. Encampment, John T. Given, P. G. P.....Washington.

FLORIDA.

G. Lodge, *Charles C. Pearce*, P. G. Rep.....Tallahassee.

GEORGIA.

G. Lodge, Luther J. Glenn, P. G. Rep.....Atlanta.
G. Lodge, *D. B. Woodruff*, P. G.....Macon.
G. Encampment, C. A. Robbe, P. G. P.....Augusta.

ILLINOIS.

G. Lodge, John H. Oberly, P. G. M.....Cairo.
G. Lodge, *Amos Henderson*, P. G. M.....Jacksonville.
G. Encampment, James S. Ticknor, P. G. P.....Rockford.
G. Encampment, *W. L. Sweeney*, P. G. P.....Rock Island.

INDIANA.

G. Lodge, J. B. Kimball, P. G. M.....Kendallville.
G. Lodge, Job B. Eldridge, P. G. M.....Logansport.
G. Encampment, Peter S. Hoffman, P. G. P.....Richmond.
G. Encampment, *John Morgan*, P. G. P.....Huntington.

IOWA.

G. Lodge, Erie J. Leech, P. G. M.....Keokuk.
G. Lodge, *Ber. Newman*, P. G. M.....Council Bluffs.
G. Encampment, John Gundaker, P. G. M.....Davenport.
G. Encampment, *H. D. Walker*, P. G. M.....Mt. Pleasant.

KANSAS.

G. Lodge, John M. Price, P. G. M.....Atchison.
G. Lodge, *John Charlton*, P. G. M.....Lawrence.
G. Encampment, Luke M. Havens, P. G. P.....Fort Scott.

KENTUCKY.

G. Lodge, John C. Underwood, P. G. M.....Bowling Green.
G. Lodge, *William W. Morris*, P. G. M.....Louisville.
G. Encampment, Tal. P. Shaffner, P. G. P.....Louisville.
G. Encampment, *George S. Moore*, P. G. P.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

G. Lodge, John E. Rengstorff, P. G.....New Orleans.
G. Lodge, *Silas T. Grisamore*, P. G. M.....Thibodaux.
G. Encampment, Luther Homes, P. G. M.....New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.

G. Lodge, Robert Hockin, P. G. M.....Pictou, Nova Scotia.
G. Lodge, *Frank Graham*, P. G.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MAINE.

G. Lodge, Stephen K Dyer, P. G. M.....Portland.
G. Lodge, *William E. Hogan*, P. G. M.....Bath.
G. Encampment, Joshua Davis, P. G. P.....Portland.
G. Encampment, *O. G. Douglass*, P. G. P.....Lewiston.

MARYLAND.

G. Lodge, Charles H. Rawlings, P. G. Rep.....Baltimore.
G. Lodge, *John M. Jones*, P. G. Rep.....Baltimore.
G. Encampment, Henry F. Garey, P. G. M .....Baltimore
G. Encampment, *John E. McCahan*, P. G. M.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

G. Lodge, Horace W. Stickney, P. G. M.....South Boston.
G. Lodge, *John U. Perkins*, P. G. M.....Chelsea.
G. Encampment, Nathan Taylor, P. G. P.....Worcester.
G. Encampment, *Lafayette Marshall*, P. G. P..... .. Rockport.

MICHIGAN.

G. Lodge, John N. Ingersoll, P. G. M.....Corunna.
G. Lodge, *D. Burnham Tracy*, P. G. M.....Detroit.
G. Encampment, O. W. Oviatt, P. G. P .....St. Joseph.
G. Encampment, *Geo. H. Shearer*, P. G. P.....Bay City.

MINNESOTA.

G. Lodge, W. C Williston, P. G. M.....Red Wing.
G. Lodge, *Walter G. Dye*, P. G. Rep .....Winona.
G. Encampment, Monroe Sheire, P. G. P ....St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

G. Lodge, David N. Barrows, P. G. M.....Jackson.
G. Lodge, *A. B. Wagner*, P. G. M .....Meridian.
G. Encampment, L. K. Barber, P. G. P..... . Woodville.

MISSOURI.

G. Lodge, J. W. Barrett, P. G. Rep ....Canton.
G. Lodge, *E. R. Shipley*, P. G. M..... .....Springfield.
G. Encampment, W. H. Thompson, P. G P ... .St. Louis.
G. Encampment, *L. T. Minturn*, P. G. P.....Amazonia.

MONTANA.

G. Lodge, James L. Davis, P. C. P..... .....Helena.

NEBRASKA.

G. Lodge, Anton Zimmerer, P. G. M.....Nebraska City.
G. Lodge, *C. C. Housel*, P. G..... .....Omaha.
G. Encampment, J. C. Ford, P. G. P.....Lincoln.

NEVADA.

G. Lodge P. H. Mulcahy, P. G.....Gold Hill.
G. Lodge, *William Lucas*, P. G..... .....Reno.
G. Encampment, A. D. Meacham, P. G. Rep.....Cornucopia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

G. Lodge, George A. Cummings, P. G. M..... .Concord.
G. Lodge, *Alonzo F. Craig*, P. G. M..... .....Portsmouth.
G. Encampment, Charles F. Hildreth, P. G. P.....Suncook.
G. Encampment, *John R. Miller*, P. G. P.....Peterborough.

NEW JERSEY.

G. Lodge, William A. Newell, P. G. Rep .....Allentown.
G. Lodge, *Christian Miller*, P. G. M..... ....Newark.
G. Encampment, William N. Nutt, P. G. H. P.....Trenton.
G. Encampment, *Aaron B. Crane*, P. G. Rep .....Newark.

NEW YORK.

G. Lodge, John W. Stebbins, P. G. M.....Rochester.
G. Lodge, *John F. Van Nort*, P. G. M .....Newburgh.
G. Encampment, George Haskins, P. G. P.....New York City.
G. Encampment, *John H. White*, P. G. M.....Albion.

NORTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, William H. Bagley, P. G. M.....Raleigh.
G. Lodge, *Richard J. Jones*, P. G. M.....Wilmington.
G. Encampment, *Charles M. Busbee*, P. G. P.....Raleigh.

OHIO.

G. Lodge, John E. Bell, P. G. M.....Cincinnati.
G. Lodge, *Nathan Jones*, P. G. M.....Crestline.
G. Encampment, William B. Kennedy, P. G. P.. ....Cincinnati.
G. Encampment, *William R. Hazlett*, P. G. P.....Zanesville.

ONTARIO.

G. Lodge, William N. Ford, P. G. M.....St. Mary's.
G. Lodge, *James Woodyatt*, P. G. M.....Brantford.
G. Encampment, John Gibson, P. G. P.....Stratford.
G. Encampment, *John Ham Perry*, P. G. P.....Whitby.

OREGON.

G. Lodge, J. F. Backensto, P. G. P.....Albany.
G. Lodge, *Joshua J. Walton*, P. G.....Eugene City.
G. Encampment, William J. Beatty, P. G. P.....East Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

G. Lodge, Isaac A. Sheppard, P. G. M.....Philadelphia.
G. Lodge, *Samuel F. Gwinner*, P. G. M.....Taylorsville.
G. Encampment, M. Richards Muckle, P. G. P..... Philadelphia.
G. Encampment, *Charles N. Hickok*, P. G. Rep.....Bedford.

RHODE ISLAND.

G. Lodge, Gilbert F. Robbins, P. G. M.....Providence.
G. Lodge, *Lindsay Anderson*, P. G. M.....Providence.
G. Encampment, William J. Miller, P. G. Rep.....Bristol.
G. Encampment, *William S. Johnson*, P. G. P..... ... Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, Silas Johnstone, P. G. P.....Newberry.
G. Encampment.....

SWITZERLAND.

G. Lodge,.....

TENNESSEE.

G. Lodge, George B. Boyles, P. G. M.....Fayetteville.
G. Lodge, *Joseph L. Weakley*, P. G. M .....Nashville.
G. Encampment, John R. Harwell, P. G.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

G. Lodge, M. D. Herring, P. G. M.....Waco.
G. Lodge, *I. C. Stafford*, P. G. M.....Houston.
G. Encampment, J. A. Haynie, P. G. P.....Waco.
G. Encampment, *A. T. McKinney*, P. G. P.....Huntsville.

UTAH.

G. Lodge, *E. M. Wilson*, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

G. Lodge, George H. Bigelow, P. G.....Burlington.
G. Lodge, *John N. Gale*, P. G. M.....St. Johnsbury.
G. Encampment, Timothy Vinton, P. G. Rep.....Brattleboro.

VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, James B. Blanks, P. G. M.....Petersburg.
G. Lodge, *Alfred R. Courtney*, P. G. M.....Richmond.
G. Encampment, Jacob H. Robinson, P. G. P.....Lynchburg.

WEST VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, E. A. Peck, P. G. M.....Clarksburg.
G. Lodge, *J. A. Miller*, P. G. M.....Wheeling
G. Encampment, *Thomas S. Spates*, P. G. P.....Clarksburg.

WISCONSIN.

G. Lodge, James V. Jones, P. G. M.....Oshkosh.
G. Lodge, *Myron P. Lindsley*, P. G. M.....Green Bay.
G. Encampment, R. H. Hotchkiss, P. G. P.....Plymouth.
G. Encampment, *Theodore B. Elliott*, P. G. P.....Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

G. Lodge, *Peter Hamma*, P. G. M.....Cheyenne.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

a Thomas Wildey, 1825–1833	Baltimore, Maryland.
b James Gettys, 1833–1835	Georgetown, District of Columbia.
c George Keyser, 1835–1837	Baltimore, Maryland.
d Samuel H. Perkins, 1837–1840	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
e Zenas B. Glazier, 1840–1841	Wilmington, Delaware.
f John A. Kennedy, 1841–1843	New York city, New York.
g Howell Hopkins, 1843–1845	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Thomas Sherlock, 1845–1847	Cincinnati, Ohio.
h Horn R. Kneass, 1847–1849	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
i Robert H. Griffin, 1849–1851	Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore, 1851–1853	Washington, District of Columbia.
Wilmot G. De Saussure, 1853–1855	Charleston, South Carolina.
j William Ellison, 1855–1857	Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race, 1857–1858	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Samuel Craighead, 1858–1860	Dayton, Ohio.
k Robert B. Boylston, 1860–1862	Winnsborough, South Carolina.
James B. Nicholson, 1862–1864	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch, 1864–1866	St. Louis, Missouri.
James P. Sanders, 1866–1868	Yonkers, New York.
Edward D. Farnsworth, 1868–1870	San Francisco, California.
l Frederick D. Stuart, 1870–1872	Washington, District of Columbia.
Cornelius A. Logan, 1872–1874	Chicago, Illinois.
Milton J. Durham, 1874–1876	Danville, Kentucky.
John W. Stokes, 1876–1878	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

a Died October 19, 1861.
b Died August 15, 1844.
c Died September 19, 1837.
d Died May 22, 1874.
e Died November 11, 1858.
f Died June 20, 1873.
g Died June 5, 1858.
h Died December 12, 1861.
i Died December 14, 1855.
j Died August 23, 1877.
k Died September 5, 1865.
l Died January 25, 1878.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John Welch, 1825–1829	Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn, 1829–1833	Maryland.
Robert Neilson, 1833–1835	Maryland.
John Pearce, 1835–1837	Pennsylvania.
Frederick Leise, 1837–1840	New York.
William W. Moore, 1840–1841	District of Columbia.
Horn R. Kneass, 1841–1843	Pennsylvania.
William S. Stewart, 1843–1845	Missouri.
Albert Case, 1845–1847	South Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson, 1847–1849	Massachusetts.
Asher B. Kellogg, 1849–1851	Michigan.
Herman L. Page, 1851–1853	Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester, 1853–1855	Rhode Island.
George W. Race, 1855–1857	Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter, 1857–1858	New Hampshire.
Edward H. Fitzhugh, 1858–1860	Virginia.
Milton Herndon, 1860–1862	Indiana.
William H. Young, 1862–1864	Maryland.
James P. Sanders, 1864–1866	New York.
Edward D. Farnsworth, 1866–1868	Tennessee.
Frederick D. Stuart, 1868–1870	District of Columbia.
Cornelius A. Logan, 1870–1872	Kansas.
Milton J. Durham, 1872–1874	Kentucky.
John W. Stokes, 1874–1876	Pennsylvania.
John B. Harmon, 1876–1878	California.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Arizona—J. F. Miller, P. G. M ..... San Francisco, Cal.
British Columbia—J. S. Drummond, P. G. M.... Victoria, British Col.
Chile, S'th America—George S. Brown, P. G. M. ..... Casilla 252, Valparaiso, Chile, S. A.
Dakota—Ralph R. Briggs, P. G..... Sioux Falls, Dakota.
Florida—L. M. Merritt, P. G ..... Pensacola, Florida.
Great Britain—F. S. Ostheim, P. G. Sire..... Elberfeld, Prussia.
Idaho—Samuel Beck, P. G ..... Boise City, Idaho.
Indian Territory—Israel W. Stone, P. G..... Caddo, Indian Territory.
Low. Provinces, B. N. A.—Andre Cushing, P. G Saint John, N. Brunswick.
Manitoba—George Andrew, P. G. ..... Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Montana—James L. Davis, P. G..... Helena, Montana.
New Mexico—John Ritter, P. G ..... Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Netherlands—F. S. Ostheim, P. G. Sire ..... Elberfeld, Prussia.
Peru, South America—N. Hurwitz, P. G..... No. 1, Calle Constitucion, Callao, Peru, S. A.
Quebec—John C. Becket, P. G. M ..... Montreal, Canada.
Sandwich Islands—W. C. Parke, P. G ..... Honolulu, S. I.
Switzerland, Europe—Hermann Vogel, P. G. Sec'y. ..... Parkringstrasse, No. 5, in Enge, Zurich, Switzerland.
Utah—F. Auerbach, P. G. M. ..... Salt Lake City, Utah.
Washington—H. G. Struve, P. G. M. ..... Olympia, Wash. Ter.
Wyoming—W. L. Kuykendall, P. G M..... Cheyenne, Wyoming.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as far as the same have been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Tuscaloosa, Monday, February 3, 1879.

Francisco Rice, M. W. Grand Master ..... New Market.
William A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary ..... Mobile.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Tuscaloosa, Tuesday, February 4, 1879.

Geo. L. Waller, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Selma.
Lee R. McKee, R. W. Grand Scribe..... Selma.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Little Rock, Wednesday, October 15, 1879.

John G. Holland, M. W. Grand Master ..... Searcy.
Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Little Rock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Little Rock, Wednesday, October 15, 1879.

S. W. Mallory, M. W. Grand Patriarch ..... Camden.
Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Scribe..... Little Rock.

AUSTRALASIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at ———, ———, 1879.

William Stirling, M. W. Grand Sire .....Winchelsea.
J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Sec'y, 7 Collins St. East, Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria will meet at Melbourne, Tuesday, February 17, 1880.

William Judge, M. W. Grand Master, 7 Collins St. East, Melbourne.
J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Sec'y, 7 Collins St. East, Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand will meet at ———, ———, 1879.

M. W. Grand Master.
R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Australia will meet at Adelaide, —, 1879.

A. Leane, M. W. Grand Master.....Adelaide.
J. W. Manfield, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Adelaide.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Victoria, will meet at Melbourne, Wednesday, February 18, 1880.

W. E. Darton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Melbourne.
E. A. Collis, R. W. Grand Scribe, 7 Collins St. East, ..Melbourne.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Victoria, Monday, February 10, 1879.

W. J. Jeffree, M. W. Grand Master .....Victoria.
James D. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary.... .....Victoria.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, May 13, 1879.

C. H. Randall, M. W. Grand Master.....Sonora.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Secretary... .....San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at San Francisco, Monday, May 12, 1879.

J. F. Brown, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....San Francisco.
W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Scribe..... .....San Francisco.

CHILE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Valparaiso, Monday, July 14, 1879.

G. S. Brown, M. W. Grand Master, Casilla 252.....Valparaiso.
R. W. Grand Secretary, Casilla 252.....Valparaiso.

COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Denver, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

James H. Decker, M. W. Grand Master.....Boulder.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Secretary... ....Silver Plume.

The R W. Grand Encampment will meet at Denver, Monday, October 20, 1879.

Samuel H. Bradley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Black Hawk.
John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Scribe. .....Silver Plume.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Middletown, Wednesday, May 21, 1879.

Thos. Stirling, M. W. Grand Master.....Bridgeport.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary, Drawer No. 5....New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Haven, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

Charles B. Foster, M. W. Grand Patriarch ....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe, Drawer No. 5.....New Haven.

DAKOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Yankton, Wednesday, October 8, 1879.

L. D. F. Poore, M. W. Grand Master.....Springfield.
Ralph R. Briggs, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Sioux Falls.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wilmington, Wednesday, October 8, 1879.

Wm. H. Foulk, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, October 7, 1879.

Edw'd H. Spencer, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Wilmington.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe, 712 Market St.... Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Washington, Wednesday, July 23, 1879.

Edw. Rawsel, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 822..Georgetown.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Washington, semi-annual session, Tuesday, January 21 ; annual session, Tuesday, July 15, 1879.

Henry C. Stevens, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 920 L. St., N. West.....Washington.
Thomas W. Fowler, R. W. Grand Scribe, 907 Fifth St., N. West.....Washington.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Monticello, Tuesday, April 8, 1879.

Geo. S. Hallmark, M. W. Grand Master. ..... Warrington.
Robt. D. Murray, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Key West.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Atlanta, Wednesday, August 13, 1879.

Adolph Brandt, M. W. Grand Master.....Augusta.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Macon.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Atlanta, Tuesday, August 12, 1879.

W. A. Prout, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Barnesville.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

GERMANY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire meets biennially. The next session will be held at Dresden, Saxony, on Monday, Aug. 11, 1879.

J. Chr. Praetorius, M. W. Grand Sire.....Hannover.
F. Meyendorf, R. W. Grand Secretary..... 12 Admiral Strasse, Berlin, Prussia.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg will meet at Berlin, Sunday, July 13, 1879.

Dr. v. Guerard, M. W. Grand Master ....Berlin.
Paul Juhre, R. W. Grand Secretary..... S. W. 128 Old Jacob Str., Berlin.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Hannover will meet at Hildesheim, Monday, July 14, 1879.

L. Elsasser, M. W. Grand Master..... Alten-Allee 16, Hannover-L nden.
Wilhelm Ryssel, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Escherstrasse, Hannover.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Wurttemburg will meet at Stuttgart, Sunday, July 6, 1879.

Franz X. Bauer, M. W. Grand Master .....Stuttgart.
J. A. Schutzmartin, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Constanz.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Saxony will meet at Dresden, Sunday, July 13, 1879.

Carl Gustav Louis Lesser, M. W. Grand Master.....Dresden.
Otto Rohrig, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Dresden.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Galesburg, Tuesday, November 18, 1879.

Alfred Orendorff, M. W. Grand Master ..... Springfield.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary..... . Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Galesburg, Tuesday, November 18, 1879.

W. H. Crocker, M. W. Grand Patriarch ... .Evanston.
J. C. Smith, R. W. Grand Scribe, 250 W. Van Buren St.Chicago.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Indianapolis, semi-annual session, Wednesday, May 21; annual session, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1879.

Enoch Cox, M. W. Grand Master..... ....Delphi, Carroll Co.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary..... .. ..Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Indianapolis, semi-annual session, Tuesday, May 20; annual session, Tuesday, November 18, 1879.

John F. Wallick, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Indianapolis.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.. ....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Marshalltown, Wednesday, October, 22, 1879.

B. S. Merriam, M. W. Grand Master,.....Keokuk.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Marshalltown, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

William McCoy, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Mt. Pleasant.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, October 14, 1879.

J. G. Northcraft, M. W. Grand Master.....Abilene.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary. .....Leavenworth.

The R. W. Grand Encampment, will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, March 11, 1879.

Saml. Black, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Leavenworth.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY,

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Maysville, Tuesday, October 28, 1879.

G. P. Theobald, M. W. Grand Master.....Louisville.
William White, R. W. Grand Secretary... .....Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Maysville, Wednesday, October 29, 1879.

B. J. Horton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Louisville.
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Orleans, Tuesday, January 21, 1879.

L. Graham, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 1696.....New Orleans.
Luther Homes, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 383.....New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Orleans, Wednesday, February 5, 1879.

J. H. Manuel, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 383..New Orleans.
Luther Homes, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 383.....New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at St. John, N. B., Tuesday, August 12, 1879.

Gilbert Murdoch, M. W. Grand Master.....St. John, N. Br'swick.
J. C. P. Frazee, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 125....Halifax, N. Scotia.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Portland, Tuesday, August 12, 1879.

John Read, M. W. Grand Master.....Lewiston.
Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Portland.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Portland, Wednesday, August 13, 1879.

E. C. Chamberlin, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Bridgeton.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Baltimore, Wednesday, April 16, 1879.

W. P. Bockmiller, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Baltimore, Monday, October 20, 1879.

Jos. Hoffstetter, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Boston, semi-annual session, Thursday, February 6; annual session, Thursday, August 7, 1879.

Albert L. Fessenden, M. W. Grand Master.....Townsend.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Boston, Wednesday, July 30, 1879.

Nathaniel A. Very, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Salem.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Jackson, Tuesday, February 18, 1879.

Edward H. Thomson, M. W. Grand Master.....Flint.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Lansing.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Jackson, Wednesday, February 12, 1879.

Norman Bailey, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Hastings.
E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lansing.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Stillwater, Tuesday, June 3, 1879.

Rev. Chas. Griswold, M. W. Grand Master..... Anoka.
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Paul.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Stillwater, Tuesday, June 3, 1879.

G. S. Ives, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Saint Peter.
J. Fletcher Williams, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Saint Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Jackson, Tuesday, July 22, 1879.

John H. McKenzie, M. W. Grand Master..... .....Summit.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Vicksburg.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Jackson, Monday, July 14, 1879.

Charles Lehman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Vicksburg.
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at St. Louis, Tuesday, May 20, 1879.

Wm. H. Graves, M. W. Grand Master..... Monticello.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.... ....Saint Louis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Saint Louis, Thursday, May 22, 1879.

T. T. Parson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.... ..... Saint Louis.
C. C. Archer, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 2455....Saint Louis.

MONTANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Helena, Wednesday, April 16, 1879.

Chas. M. Jefferis, M. W. Grand Master.....Helena.
Lew. Coleman, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Deer Lodge.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lincoln, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

Daniel H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master... .....Plattsmouth.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lincoln.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lincoln, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

H. J. Hudson, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Columbus.
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lincoln.

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Virginia, Tuesday, June 3, 1879.

W. H. Davenport, M. W. Grand Master.....Eureka.
Wm. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Virginia, Monday, June 2, 1879.

C. W. Jones, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Reno.
Wm. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Rochester, Wednesday, October 8, 1879.

Rev. Luther F. McKinney, M. W. Grand Master.....Manchester.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Rochester, Tuesday, October 7, 1879.

John W. Saul, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Concord.
Joseph Kidder, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Trenton, Wednesday, November 19, 1879.

Wallace Lippincott, M. W. Grand Master.....Bridgeboro.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Trenton, Tuesday, November 18, 1879.

E. G. Ford, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Paterson.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Elmira, Tuesday, August 19, 1879.

Charles G. Fairman, M. W. Grand Master..... Elmira.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 838.New York.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lockport, Tuesday, February 18, 1879.

Elias Goodman, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 838.New York.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838 . New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 13, 1879.

W. F. M. Ehringhaus, M. W. Grand Master.....Elizabeth City.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Fayetteville, Tuesday, May 13, 1879.

John L. Dudley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Wilmington.
Richard J. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Sandusky, Tuesday, May 13, 1879.

W. S. Cappellar. M. W. Grand Master,.....Cincinnati.
William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Toledo, Tuesday, May 6, 1879.

David M. Lazarus, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Warren.
Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Columbus.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Hamilton, Wednesday, August 13, 1879.

J. T. Hornibrook, M. W. Grand Master, Box 2543....Toronto.
J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Drawer 24..Brantford.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Hamilton, Tuesday, August 12, 1879.

E. R. Robinson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....London.
M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

OREGON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Albany, Tuesday, May 20, 1879.

H. H. Gilfrey, M. W. Grand Master.....Salem.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Oregon City.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Albany, Monday, May 19, 1879.

T. M. Gatch, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....Salem.
J. M. Bacon, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in annual session at Harrisburg, Tuesday, May 20; semi-annual session at Philadelphia, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1879.

Sam'l Haworth, M W. Grand Master.....Philadelphia.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R.W. Grand Secretary, 146 N. 6th St.Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet in annual session at Harrisburg, Monday, May 19; semi-annual session at Philadelphia, Monday, November 17, 1879.

Alan C. Lukens, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Philadelphia.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. 6th St.Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Montreal, Monday, August 18, 18

W. L. Lee, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 1043.....Montreal.
A. A. Murphy, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 1194, Montreal.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet in annual session at Providence, Tuesday, February 4, 1879; semi-annual session, Tuesday, August 5, 1879.

Sidney Dean, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Providence, Wednesday, March 5, 1879.

Allen Jencks, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Providence.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Chester, Wednesday, January 15, 1879.

W. F. Barton, M. W. Grand Master.....Rowesville.
Robert James, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Charleston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at ———, Tuesday, January 14, 1879.

Silas Johnstone, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Newberry.
N. B. Mazyck, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Newberry.

SWITZERLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at ——, ——, April —, 1879.

G. Mader, M. W. Grand Master .....Berne.
Hermann Vogel, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Parkringstrasse No 5 in Enge, Zurich.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Nashville, Wednesday, October 22, 1879.

E. G. Budd, M. W. Grand Master.....Murfreesboro.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Nashville, Monday, October 20, 1879.

Marcus Jones, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Memphis.
J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

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John T. Harcourt, M. W. Grand Master .....Galveston.
Geo. W. Grover, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Austin, Tuesday, February 4, 1879.

A. J. Talley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Montague.
Geo. W. Grover, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston.

UTAH.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Ogden, Tuesday, April 15, 1879.

Chas. Popper, M. W. Grand Master.....Salt Lake City.
J. M. Darling, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 246..Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Rutland, Wednesday, February 5, 1879.

H. H. Farnsworth, M. W. Grand Master.....St. Albans.
H. L. Stillson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bennington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at St. Albans, Tuesday, February 4, 1879.

Jos. W. Simonds, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brattleboro.
D. P. Celley, R. W. Grand Scribe .....St. Johnsbury.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Richmond, Tuesday, April 15, 1879.

T. J. Talbott, M. W. Grand Master.....Danville.
T. Wiley Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 50.Richmond.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Richmond, Friday, April 18, 1879.

Chas. Goodrich, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Alexandria.
Hugh Latham, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Alexandria.

WASHINGTON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Seattle, Tuesday, May 13, 1879.

J. M. Swan, M. W. Grand Master.....Olympia.
N. W. Lane, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Port Gamble.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wheeling, Tuesday, October 28, 1879.

Thomas W. Fleming, M. W. Grand Master.....Fairmont.
Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Grafton.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wheeling, Thursday, October 30, 1879.

John M. Houston, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Wheeling.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Madison, Tuesday, June 3, 1879.

Thomas H. Brown, M. W. Grand Master, 182 Third St., Milwaukee.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Madison, Monday, June 2, 1879.

T. W. Haight, M. W. Grand Patriarch. .....Waukesha.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe..... .....Madison.

WYOMING.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Laramie City, Tuesday, October 21, 1879.

F. M. Foote, M. W. Grand Master.....Evanston.
H. Altman, R. W. Grand Secretary .. ..Cheyenne.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1878.

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "annually," and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called ; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated. (Page 7729.)

Amend Article XVII., to read as follows :

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries), attending any session of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge as follows : Six dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and actual traveling expenses, including all traveling fare by the shortest traveled route from their places of residence to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge and return, and three dollars per day for board for each day of travel ; provided, that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent. (Page 7778.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called ; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated. (Page 7779.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "annually," and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated. (Page 7779.)

Amend Article IX., Section 1, so as to read as follows:

Article IX., Section 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or

otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. (Page 7779.)

Amend Article XIII., Section 4, so as to read as follows:

Article XIII., Section 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session. (Page 7779.)

Amend Article XIV., Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV., Section 2. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts. (Page 7779.)

Amend Article XXI., so as to read as follows:

Article XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more Representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution. (Page 7779.)

Resolved, That Article XVII. of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Article XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding ten cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent. (Page 7780.)

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article XVI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

Provided further, That members of civilized tribes of Indians residing on the continent of North America, who are otherwise qualified, may at the discretion of this Grand Lodge be admitted into the Order. (Page 7791.)

Amend Article XIV., Section 2, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV., Section 2. Dues from State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments at the rate of five cents per member in each jurisdiction. (Page 7792.)

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of May, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It

may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; provided, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, that the Annual Session be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire. (Page 7830.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at any special meeting, except that specified in the call of the Grand Sire.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any city located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold such session in the month of September, then it shall have the power to determine the time which such session shall be held.

And provided further, That if by reason of any pestilence prevailing, at or in the vicinity of the place designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire shall deem it expedient to change either the time or place of such meeting, the Grand Sire shall have the power to call the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at such time and place, not later than the first Monday of January next after the third Monday of September, as he shall deem expedient. (Page 7837.)

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge so as to read as follows: This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine; provided that in case an epidemic disease exists at such place, or if such place be in possession of a public enemy, the M. W. Grand Sire, or Deputy Grand Sire, if acting in his stead, may designate such other place and time as he may deem best. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated. (Page 7853.)

Resolved, That Article XII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

Article XII.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is

called ; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated ; provided, that if it shall be impracticable from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the Annual Session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if the Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Most Worthy Grand Sire. (Page 7868.)

Amend Article XII. so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Wednesday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held. (Page 7868.)

Resolved, That Article XII. be so amended as to read as follows:

Article XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock, A. M., in the city of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, unless by vote it shall decide otherwise. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far south as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held. (Page 7869.)

Amend Article IX., Section 2, to read as follows:

Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows : To every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction ten thousand members or less in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives; provided that this amendment shall in no way interfere with the term of office of Representatives elected before the adoption hereof. (Page 7889.)

First. Repeal Article I., Section 1.

Second. Substitute for Article I., Section 1, the following :

This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the "*Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*"

Third. That the words "Sovereign Grand" shall be substituted for the word "Grand" in each and every subsequent Article and Section of the Constitution where the same refers to the name of this Grand Lodge. (Page 7895.)

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Resolved, That the "Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs," published by Col. S. S. Eddy, be and the same is hereby adopted as the tactics and drill for Uniformed Patriarchs throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.
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No. 17. *On a plan of Endowment or Funeral Benefit.*
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The committee review the condition of Lodges, and assign several reasons for the apparent falling off of interest, and submit the following:
1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Masters of State, District, or Territorial jurisdictions be authorized to make a semi-annual password for the Degree of Rebekah, which shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and to be used only in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and that the instruction in the ritual, when given in Rebekah Degree Lodges, be changed so as as to give this semi-annual password in the place and stead of the annual password.
2. *Resolved*, That the annual password of the Degree of Rebekah, made by the Grand Sire, shall only be used when visiting in other jurisdictions than the one to which the visitor belongs, or when the instructions are given in a Subordinate Lodge.
3. *Resolved*, That State Grand Bodies may, if they think proper, permit Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, separately or districted, as the Grand Lodge may determine, to elect a properly qualified brother as a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State, District, or Territory.
4. *Resolved*, That the unmarried daughters of Odd Fellows of the Fifth Degree, who are above the age of eighteen years, be and are hereby made suitable candidates for admission into Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah when proposed by either parent or by a guardian, and that the same rule apply to unmarried sisters of Odd Fellows of the Scarlet Degree when proposed by their brother.
5. *Resolved*, That hereafter the quorum of a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall consist of seven members, irrespective of sex.
Report by Rep. Havenner, of the District of Columbia, chairman.7851
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No. 19. *On the copy of History of American Odd Fellowship, submitted by the Historiographer.*
The committee report "that after the brief and cursory examination that the committee have been enabled to give to the work, they unite in cordially recommending to the brotherhood this history of the first decade of Odd Fellowship in the United States as being of deep interest to all members of the Order, and containing a vast amount of valuable information not otherwise accessible."
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Report by Rep. Miller, of New Jersey, chairman.....7879
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No. 23. *On a new Funeral Service.*
The committee submit an additional ceremony which may be used with either of those already adopted by this Grand Lodge.
Report by Rep. Boyles, of Tennessee, chairman.....7879
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No. 24. *On the resolution to report an amendment to the Constitution to readjust the basis and reduce the representation in the Grand Lodge.*
The committee cite the fact that in 1854 when the present basis was established there were twenty-one State Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments, with a membership of 222,259, while at this time there are forty-eight Grand Lodges and thirty-nine Grand Encampments, with nearly 500,000 contributing members, and that the reason for the basis adopted in 1854 has ceased, and another adapted to the present condition of the Order is an absolute necessity, or that some other change to reduce the representation should be made. An Amendment to Section 2, Article IX., signed by each member of the committee as Representative is submitted, which provides for one Representative from each Grand Body, and an additional Representative from each Grand Body having under its jurisdiction over ten thousand members in good standing.
Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas, chairman.....7889
Adopted.....7889
No. 25. *On the resolution to consider and recommend propositions for the general welfare of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*
The committee report that in consequence of the press of business upon them, and the importance of the subjects submitted, they are unable to present a proper report at this session, and ask to be continued.
Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, chairman.....7891
Adopted.....7891
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APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.
No. 1. William K. Neal, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.
Charges were preferred in the Grand Lodge against W. W. Castle, R. W. Grand Marshal, for "conduct unbecoming an officer of this R. W. Grand Lodge." A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the subject. The point was raised, that the charges having been preferred in due form, the Grand Lodge must receive them, and appoint a committee to try the same. The Grand Master ruled that the point of order was not well taken, and the motion to indefinitely postpone was adopted.
Upon this state of facts, the committee rule, "that the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine was an exercise of its powers as a Grand Lodge, where it had full and complete jurisdiction." They therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.
Report by Rep. Lee, of Connecticut.....7770
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No. 2. J. W. Stebbins, G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York. The appeal involves the construction of

the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York. Under that Constitution (Article IV., Section 1) it is provided that "each elective Grand Officer shall be entitled to one vote." The Constitution further provides (Article II., Section 4) that "each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to elect for the same term as a regular Representative, or for any less term, any Past Grand in good standing in a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge as proxy Representative, to act only in the absence of the regular Representative."

The committee rule that it was, under this state of the law, the personal right of the appellant to vote as a Grand Officer. It was also his privilege and duty under the law to vote for the Lodge which he represented by proxy. Accordingly they affirm the appeal.

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....7771
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No. 3. H. D. Carmohn, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York. The question presented by this appeal was whether the suspension of an officer of a Lodge for *cause*, necessarily vacated the office which he held at the time. The facts are as follows: Bro. Charles F. Weitzel, P. G., of Long Island City Lodge, No. 395, was tried under charges preferred against him, found guilty, and suspended for two months. The D. D. G. M. decided that the office of V. G. held by the brother was not vacant by reason of his suspension, and that the Lodge could not fill a vacancy that did not exist. The decisions of the D. D. G. M. were affirmed by the Grand Master of the State and by him reported to the Grand Lodge of the State and referred by it to its Committee on Appeals at its session of 1878. This committee, in reviewing the decisions, rule that the suspension of an officer of a Lodge for *cause* and as a punishment vacates his office, without regard to the period of suspension. The Grand Lodge of New York adopted the report, and from this action the appeal is taken.

The committee hold that the action of the Grand Lodge of New York was correct, and dismiss the appeal.

Report by Rep. Spencer, of Delaware.....7771
Adopted.....7840

No. 4. Norway Lodge, No. 16, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in sustaining the appeal of Brother A. B. Crocket, of said Norway Lodge.

In this case it appears that charges were preferred against Bro. Anthony B. Crockett before Norway Lodge, No. 16, of the State of Maine. First. For feigning himself to be sick, and falsely claiming to be confined to his house from May 18, 1875, to November 1, 1875, with a view of obtaining benefits from said Lodge, when by its By-Laws he was not entitled to the same. Second. That the said Anthony B. Crockett, on July 2, 1877, sent to said Norway Lodge, No. 16, a false certificate in writing, purporting to be from three physicians, to the effect that he had been sick and confined to the house from May 18, 1875, to November 1, 1875, and in accordance with said certificate, he demanded benefits from said Lodge.

Upon these charges Bro. Crockett was tried and expelled by Norway Lodge, No. 16, from which action he appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maine, by which Grand Body his appeal was sustained.

From the evidence in the case, the Appeal Committee say, that after a careful consideration of the whole premises they

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are of opinion that the evidence presented in the record does not sustain the charges and specifications alleged. They therefore dismiss the appeal of the Lodge on the facts.
Report by Rep. Price, of Kansas.....7772
Adopted.....7840
No. 5. Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The case originated in a claim for benefits. Bro. A. A. Hurlburt, chairman of the Relief Committee, visited Daniel C. Augur, who had by letter advised the Lodge of his sickness, and found him apparently at work. Charges were then preferred against Augur, and during the investigation he became excited and the minutes of the committee reported him as saying that he "wished the sick visiting committee would call as a sick visiting committee and not as a sneak and a thief." The committee recommended that the charge against Augur be dismissed, and the report was adopted by the Lodge. Hurlburt preferred charges against Augur for slandering him by using the above language, and on the investigation Hurlburt asserted that Bro. Peckham (Secretary of the first committee) had inserted the above words. He also said: "I don't know why, unless he had a grudge against me, and wanted to blacken my character before the Lodge." Augur was positive he did not use the word "thief," but if he did say it, took it back. The charges were then dismissed. Hurlburt was then asked to take back the charge against Peckham, which he refused to do. Peckham preferred charges against Hurlburt, "specifying that Hurlburt had charged him with falsifying the minutes of the special committee on charges against Augur." The committee "reported that Hurlburt had wilfully brought a false charge against Peckham, and therefore should be expelled from the Lodge." He was accordingly expelled. and appealed to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which sustained the appeal, on the ground that the Lodge had found him "guilty of an offence with which he had not been charged, viz.: 'preferring a false charge against Peckham,' an offence not stated in the specifications, the By-Law referred to in said report having reference only to written charges regularly preferred in the Lodge, and that the use of the expression with which Hurlburt was charged was an offence of too trivial a character to merit the severest penalty known to our laws." Quinnipiac Lodge was directed to restore Hurlburt to full membership, and from this action the appeal is taken.
The committee sustained the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and dismissed the appeal.
Report by Rep. Bigelow, of Vermont.....7772
Adopted.....7840
No. 6. Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in the matter of Bro. Dwight G. Parker, who, on June 13, 1878, made a claim on Ancient Brothers Lodge for sick benefits from on or about February 25, 1878, to June 13, 1878. At the time he made said claim, and for the period covering the time from February 25, 1878, to June 13, 1878, and for some time prior thereto, he was in good standing in said Lodge, having paid all his dues and being entitled to benefits. The Lodge refused to pay the benefits, claiming that he was not entitled thereto, by reason of the fact that he had not recovered from an illness contracted during the time he was in arrears. The evidence on the trial showed that the Lodge had subsequently to said sickness (the result of an accident) paid

him benefits. That whilst in good standing he was again taken sick, partly the result, as claimed by the Lodge, of the old injury, whilst the evidence shows it to be the result of a fresh cold.

From these facts the committee recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge be sustained, and the appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Miller, of Dakota.....7802
Adopted 7842

No. 7. F. M. Laughton, P. G. Rep , from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The facts of the case are as follows: Bro. W. W. Castle was a member in good standing in Ohio on the 4th day of August, 1875. On that day he was admitted a Charter member of Belfast Lodge, No. 41. He did not have a Withdrawal Card, but the Grand Master waived the presence of the card, upon Bro. Castle's promise to file it with the Grand Secretary at a future time, which was done, when it was found to have been issued August 9, 1875, five days subsequent to his admission to Belfast Lodge.

The committee from these facts, although they admit that it is not allowable for a brother to hold membership in two Subordinate Lodges at the same time, and that the Grand Master erred in waiving the presence of the card and permitting the brother to be admitted without it, yet it not appearing that the fault was that of the brother, recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine be sustained, and the appeal of Bro. Laughton be dismissed.

Report by Rep. Craig, of New Hampshire.....7802
Adopted 7842

No. 8. S. J. Pesoa, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York. The committee find the following facts in the case:

At the annual meeting of one of the District Grand Committees in New York city, the District Deputy Grand Master, whose duty it is by law to preside, was absent, when a P. G. was called upon to preside, who took the chair. Announcement was made that brothers were in waiting to receive the P. O. Degrees. The P. G. presiding ruled that he had no power to confer said degrees. An appeal was taken to the Grand Committee, which sustained the Chair. A further appeal was taken to the M. W. Grand Master, who sustained the appeal, and reversed the decision of the District Grand Committee. The decision of the Grand Master was reported to the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge, by which it was affirmed. From that decision the present appeal is made.

From these facts the Committee on Appeals decide that District Grand Committees in the State of New York are constituted in that jurisdiction under the provisions of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. In accordance with their By-Laws these Grand Committees have always opened and worked in the Past Noble Grand's Degree, which is one of the tests of membership in those bodies. No provision is made by law for the D. D. Grand Masters to confer these degrees except at the meetings of the District Grand Committees. If the ruling of the P. G. presiding was correct, the effect would be to deprive members of a constitutional right, viz., the right to participate in the business of the committee. Further, the committee regard this appeal to be out of place in this forum. It is a question of the construction of a local law, and the Grand Lodge of New York is the proper place to adjudicate the same, and that Grand Body having done

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so, its decision should be final. The committee accordingly ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the appeal.
Report by Rep. Boyd, of California..... 7803
Adopted..... 7842
No. 9. Elias Goodman, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York. The question involved is the proper construction of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Degree Lodges. The Grand Master presiding decided that "the amendment if adopted would read as then printed." From this decision an appeal was taken and the decision of the Chair was sustained, and from that action the present appeal was taken.
The committee held that the only object of the proposed amendment was to add to Section 1 of Article II. of the Constitution, and that the legal effect of the proposition was not impaired by the failure of the proposers of the amendment to comply with the resolution of the Grand Lodge which requires "that all amendments shall state the amendment, and then in full how it should read if amended." While the proposition was only to amend Section 1, it in effect changes both Sections 1 and 2, and would, if valid, render said article incoherent and unintelligible. The committee say that "the practice of Grand Lodges, now too common, of allowing appeals when no wrong or inconvenience can directly or indirectly occur to any one by the action appealed from, is not to be commended." They recommend that the appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge be sustained.
Report by Rep. McKinney, of Texas..... 7855
Adopted..... 7883
APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 2.
No. 1. J. K. Phillips, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California in the case of Magnolia Lodge, No. 29. The brother appealed from the action of the Grand Lodge in disapproving certain amendments to the By-Laws of Magnolia Lodge.
The committee find nothing in the action of the Grand Lodge of California requiring the interference of this Grand Lodge, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.
Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island..... 7735
Adopted..... 7831
No. 2. W. J. Points, P. D. G. M., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, "that it is not imperative upon the N. G. of a Lodge to open and close his Lodge in regular form when called to attend the funeral of a brother, in pursuance of Article XXXIV. of the General Laws—he may do so or not."
The committee affirm the decision of the Grand Lodge.
Report by Rep. Taylor, of Massachusetts..... 7735
Adopted..... 7831
No. 3. Wm. C. Earl, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in affirming a decision of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, to the effect that the N. G. of a Lodge is not eligible to be re-elected at the expiration of his term of office.
The committee rule that the law vests the right of re-electing officers in the local jurisdictions; that in the exercise of this right, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio provides that any officer may in that jurisdiction be re-elected at the expiration of his term of office. For other and equally cogent reasons the committee affirm the appeal of Bro. W. C. Earl.
Report by Rep. Tompkins, of Alabama..... 7737
Adopted..... 7831
No. 4. George Edwards, P. G. M., against the action of the Grand

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Lodge of West Virginia. Palatine Lodge, of that jurisdiction, was formed from Marion Lodge, which made it a donation of $100, on condition that the Grand Lodge should confirm the act. The Grand Lodge decided that said donation was a division of Lodge funds, and therefore illegal and void. From this decision this appeal is taken.

The committee rule that the Grand Lodge erred in this decision, and, quoting the law in Section 551, Digest, sustain the appeal. They submit the following:

Resolved, That the action of Marion Lodge in donating $100 to Palatine Lodge on the 7th of April, 1877, to assist in organizing, is legal, and that said donation be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Report by Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario 7804
Adopted 7842

No. 5. T. Moliter, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana, in the matter of Wm. J. Auerbach, N. G., *vs.* Excelsior Lodge, No. 5, of that jurisdiction. The committee state the case thus:

Bro. C. M. Kenck, a member in good standing of Excelsior Lodge, No. 5, was killed while visiting the National Park and Yellow Stone region. His body was recovered, brought back to Helena, Montana, and buried Section 3 of the By-Laws of the Lodge reads as follows: "On the death of a member in good standing, the sum of seventy-five dollars shall be allowed for funeral expenses."

The brother was in good standing, was buried, and his family was entitled to and should have received for funeral expenses the amount provided by the law of the Lodge, it being by no means material that the Lodge should have authorized the expenditure of all or any part of the funeral expenses, or as a Lodge attended the funeral. Appeal affirmed.

Report by Rep. Davis, of Arkansas 7 5
Adopted 78 6

No. 6. Emanuel Amick, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in sustaining the action of Goshen Lodge in expelling him from the Lodge. The conclusions of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ohio were, that there was no error in the N. G. allowing members to retire during the trial, nor in stating his opinion that the testimony given is irrelevant; the Lodge is the jury which considers the evidence in all its bearings; there was no error in declaring the brother expelled under a vote of fourteen out of twenty-two members present, one being in arrears, therefore not entitled to vote; the N. G. was right in ordering a re-balloting upon discovering that the first ballot was an illegal one by reason of brothers voting who were not so entitled. The Grand Lodge sustained the appeal of Goshen Lodge, reversing the action of the District Grand Committee, which had "*Resolved*, That the action of Goshen Lodge was illegal."

The committee indorse the conclusions of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be sustained.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island. 7853
Adopted 7883

No. 7. On request of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that the appeal of P. G. M. Bross, at the session of 1877, be reconsidered and decided on its merits.

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The committee recommend that the two reports, found on pp. 7417, 7418, Journal of 1877, be considered and acted upon as the Grand Lodge may determine.

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island. 7856
Adopted. 7883

This action brought the two reports before the Grand Lodge, and the majority report, page 7417, Journal of 1877 (laid on the table, p. 7480), was adopted.

The facts appear as follows: A brother asked for "a Withdrawal Card with the privilege of deposit." In granting the card the Lodge ignored the request of privilege to deposit. The brother was dissatisfied and requested that the permission to deposit be given him, or that he be placed back in the Lodge without depositing his card, as the law requires. The Lodge refused to do either, and, on appeal, the Grand Master of Illinois decided, "That when the Lodge voted to grant the request of the brother for a Withdrawal Card, it voted to grant such card with the privilege of deposit; that the Lodge could not legally vote to grant a card with such privilege attached to it, and declared the vote to be null and void, and directed it to be set aside." The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master.

The committee held that the words, "with the privilege of deposit," used by the brother in his application, were simply superfluous; that if a card is voted to a brother, it carries with it the right to deposit it, the Lodge to which he may present it being willing to receive him, and no question of jurisdiction being raised. The appeal was sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois reversed.

No. 8. T. Moliter, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Montana Lodge, No. 1, refused to pay the funeral benefits incurred by the death of John Luke. The Grand Lodge sustained the action of the Subordinate.

The committee held that under the law (see Digest, 197), the appeal should be sustained and the action of the G. L. of Montana reversed.

Report by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, chairman. 7870
Considered and postponed to the next session 7885

No. 9. Johnson I. Robins, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The committee report that the papers, as certified by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and those of the appellant disagree, and submit a resolution, that the appeal be recommitted to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, with instructions to ascertain all the facts in the case, and return the same printed and properly certified to this Grand Lodge at the next Annual Session

Report by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, chairman. 7871
Adopted 7885

No. 10. J. F. Miller, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, in sustaining Templar Lodge, No. 17, in its refusal to pay benefits to T. B. Robinson. July 11, 1877, on a report of the Visiting Committee, accompanied by the certificates of four physicians, the brother was declared out of care of the Lodge from June 27th, which action the brother complained of at the meetings on July 18th and August 15th. On the 29th of August the Visiting Committee made a unanimous report, "that they did not consider the brother sick within the meaning of the law entitling members to weekly benefits."

The committee say, "it does not appear from the testimony

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that the brother was incapable of earning a livelihood during the time that he was refused benefits by the Lodge, and from the records it would seem that the matter was fully and fairly considered by the Lodge." The action of the Grand Lodge was sustained and appeal dismissed.
Report by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, chairman..... 7871
Adopted..... 7885
CONSTITUTIONS.
No. 1. On the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Encampment of New York, and Grand Encampment of Tennessee. Approved.
Report by Rep. Bell, of Ohio, chairman..... 7737
Adopted..... 7831
No. 2. On the Constitution and By-Laws of Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, S. A.; amended By-Laws of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada; amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Grand Encampment of Texas, and Grand Lodge of Ontario. Approved.
Report by Rep. Bell, of Ohio, chairman..... 7774
Adopted..... 7840
No. 3. On the Constitutions and By-Laws of Snohomish Lodge, No. 12, and Colfax Lodge, No. 14, Washington Territory; amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia; Grand Encampment of Rhode Island; Grand Lodge of Illinois; Grand Lodge of Missouri; Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and Centennial Encampment, No. 3, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Approved.
Report by Rep. Bell, of Ohio, chairman..... 7811
Adopted..... 7865
No. 4. On the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 8, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Bell, of Ohio, chairman..... 7820
Adopted..... 7867
No. 5. On the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California. Approved.
Report by Rep. Bell, of Ohio, chairman..... 7874
Adopted..... 7886
CORRESPONDENCE.
No. 1. The committee report the examination of the general correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. The subjects having been assigned to the various committees, they have only to record their hearty approval of the manner in which the correspondence has been conducted.
Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7854
Adopted..... 7883
DEGREE OF REBEKAH.
No. 1. On the resolution "that Subordinate Lodges be authorized to confer the same honors at the burial of a sister of Rebekah as at the burial of a brother Odd Fellow."
The committee report that in their opinion it is neither desirable nor advisable to adopt the same, but recommend that a suitable burial service be prepared for a sister of the Degree of Rebekah.
Report by Rep. Mulcahy, of Nevada..... 7809
Adopted..... 7861
No. 2. On the resolution asking "an amendment to the laws governing the Degree of Rebekah, so that sisters of that degree may be enabled to retain their membership irrespective of the standing of their husbands in the Order."

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The committee report that such law already exists, Digest, Section 509d.

Report by Rep. Miller, of West Virginia.....7810
Adopted 7865

No. 3. On the resolution directing the committee "to prepare an appropriate burial service on the death of a Daughter of Rebekah, during this session."

The committee report a want of time, and recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to prepare such a service and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Report by Rep. Hildreth, of New Hampshire.....7820
Adopted 7867

No. 4. On the resolutions to "allow Rebekah Degree Lodges to admit to membership, by ballot, any lady who is now the widow of an Odd Fellow, and who lost her membership in the Rebekah Degree Lodge by reason of her husband losing his membership in the Order prior to the passage of the law by this Grand Lodge, in 1873, page 5915 of Journal," and further requesting "that any lady who, prior to the death of her husband, received the Degree of Rebekah without joining a Rebekah Lodge, and whose husband since 1873 ceased to be a member of the Order, be made eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, on her furnishing satisfactory proof of former connection with the Degree."

The committee report that it is not advisable to legislate in favor of the resolutions.

Report by Rep. Miller, of West Virginia.....7849
Adopted 7882

No. 5. On the resolution "to permit Rebekah Degree Lodges to hold meetings on Sundays and in the day-time."

The committee are of opinion the legislation asked for would be unwise and improper.

Report by Rep. Spates, of West Virginia.....7850
Adopted.....7882

No. 6. On the memorial from California, concerning a revision of the ritual, etc.

The committee state that all the questions, except the revision, have been considered and reported on, and submit a resolution that the subject of a revision of the ritual of the Degree of Rebekah be referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next session.

Report by Rep. Kennedy, of Ohio.....7857
Adopted 7884

No. 7. On the resolution in reference to regalia and jewels for officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges.

The committee report that the law as now existing provides that "the brethren shall wear the regalia which they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. Ladies shall wear the collar of the Degree of Rebekah, and in addition thereto, if elected or appointed to an office, the jewel of the respective office."

As there is no provision designating regalia or jewel for a lady Past Noble Grand, your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That in addition to the collar of the Degree of Rebekah, a lady Past Noble Grand shall be entitled to wear, as indicative of rank, a jewel of white metal, to be a five-pointed star. All jewels used in this degree to be of size in proportion to size of collar of the Degree of Rebekah.

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Report by Rep. Kennedy, of Ohio 7857
Adopted 7884
FINANCE.
No. 1. On the total assets of the Grand Lodge, as shown by the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary, August 31, 1878; the receipts, and amount forwarded by the Grand Secretary for the yellow fever sufferers; the remission of Representative Tax ($75) to Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and the resolution to furnish Representatives with Journals, etc., free of charge
Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania, chairman 7768
Adopted 7834
No. 2. On the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, and R. W. Grand Treasurer.
The committee report that they have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary and of the Grand Treasurer, and present a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year, the balance on hand, etc.
Report by Rep. Blanks, of Virginia 7769
Adopted 7839
No. 3. On the subject of Per Diem and Mileage.
The committee submit a comparative statement of receipts and disbursements, assets, etc., for the past five years, for the information and guidance of the Grand Lodge, and offer the following:
Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Representatives at the present session at eight cents per mile one way, by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per diem for six days' attendance.
Report by Rep. Stafford, of Texas 7786
Adopted 78
No. 4. On the resolutions of Rep. Hildreth, of New Hampshire, to reduce the salaries of the Grand C. and R. Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Grand Messenger, and fixing the compensation of committees holding sessions during the recess.
The committee submit a series of resolutions on the subject, fixing the salary of the Grand C. and R. Secretary at $2,000; Assistant Grand Secretary, $1,600; Grand Treasurer, $350; Grand Messenger, $800; compensation to committee-men during the recess at four cents per mile and three dollars per day, and providing that the Grand Messenger of the Grand Lodge shall, in vacation, perform for the Grand C. and R. Secretary such services as that officer may require.
Report by Bro. Durham, P. G. Sire 7788
Amended and adopted. 7840, 7864
No. 5. Appointing the Committee on Printing Supplies.
The committee submit the following:
Resolved. That the Committee on Printing Supplies of this Grand Body shall consist of the R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, the R W. Grand Treasurer, and three of the Representatives of the jurisdiction of Maryland, to be designated by the M. W. Grand Sire, and that the chairman and secretary shall be selected from its own members.
Resolved, That all resolutions heretofore adopted on this subject be and the same are hereby repealed.
Report by Rep. Stafford, of Texas 7811
Considered and recommitted 7865
No. 6. On the following bills, audited by the committee, and ordered to be paid, viz.:

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John W. Stokes, M. W. Grand Sire, traveling expenses, etc..$61 75
Rep. J. W. Stebbins, Committee on Revision of the Degrees, 103 35
Rep. Joseph Kidder, " " " 92 00
Rep. C. N. Hickok, " " " 40 60
Rep. J. D. Cleaver, " " " 20 00

They also present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Bro. Joseph F. Sweitzer, janitor of Odd Fellows' Hall, twenty-five dollars, for services during the present session.

Report by Rep. Gibson, of Ontario.....7811
Adopted.....7865

No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Housel, of Nebraska, to pay to the Representative of Montana enough money to reimburse him for his actual traveling expenses.

The committee recommend that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Report by Rep. Miller, of Rhode Island.....7874
Adopted.....7886

No. 8. On the resolution of Rep. Mulcahy, of Nevada, that the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada be allowed, in addtion to their mileage and per diem, the sum of fifty dollars

The committee report adversely.

Report by Rep. Miller, of Rhode Island.....7874
Adopted.....7886

No. 9. On the estimates of receipts and expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, ending August 31, 1879.

For details, see report. See also for other legislation touching Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Assistant Grand Secretary, forbidding payment to them for services as members of Committee on Printing Supplies, and recommending the condensation of the reports in the Revised Journal; also the usual resolution for the payment of the several sums appropriated.

Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....7875
Adopted.....7886

No. 10 On the resolution of Rep Price, of Kansas, that all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a complete set of the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge on the payment of five dollars and express charges.

The committee recommend the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That all Grand Representatives (who have not heretofore received them) be furnished with a copy of White's Digest, free of charge, except express charges, and with the bound Journal of the Grand Lodge at cost.

Report by Rep. Miller, of Rhode Island.....7876
Amended and adopted.....7886, 7887

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

No. 1. On the mission to Australia.

The committee report in relation to the visit of the Commissioner, and submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves and ratifies the action of the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Secretary in issuing the Charter to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and all acts performed by them incident thereto.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approves and ratifies the action of Special Commissioner Harmon, Deputy Grand Sire, in establishing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and all acts incident thereto as reported by him.

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Resolved, That this Grand Lodge congratulates Australia and New Zealand upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and commend that Lodge to the earnest support of the brotherhood there, being confident that Odd Fellowship in those countries will never become fully developed unless it be guided and controlled by a strong, supreme Lodge, having its home on that continent,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, and especially to the officers thereof, for their prompt and intelligent action in furthering the efforts of the Special Commissioner, Deputy Grand Sire Harmon, in adjusting all differences.

Resolved, That the copy of the secret work and diagrams, heretofore delivered by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Australia, should now pass to the Grand Lodge of Australasia.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to Bro. Samuel P. Lord, American Vice Consul-General at Melbourne, for his courtesy in placing at the disposal of the Deputy Grand Sire one of the rooms of the Consulate while he was in that city, and for other attentions.

Report by Rep. Driggs, of Connecticut. 7809
Adopted 7861

No. 2. On the expenses charged for organizing the Order in Holland and in Denmark.

The committee report as follows:

1st. As to the services and expenses of D. D. Grand Sire Ostheim, in regard to the organization of the Order in Holland, as particularly explained by the R. W. Grand Secretary, on page 7543, recommending the further appropriation of two hundred dollars.

The committee have given special consideration to the above subject, and recommend the payment of one hundred dollars, but in doing so, the committee do not wish to establish a precedent recognizing any obligation to pay expenses hereafter incurred for introducing the Order or opening Lodges in any country.

2d. The extraordinary expenses incurred on and for the introduction of the Order in Denmark, as particularly explained by the R. W. Grand Secretary, page 7597.

The committee have learned the particulars respecting the expenses referred to, and they recommend the payment of one hundred dollars, as suggested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky 7814
Adopted 7866

No. 3. On that portion of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and of the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, relating to the differences between Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 3, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

The committee review the action of this Grand Lodge from 1848 to 1854, looking to the erection of a hall at Honolulu, and approve the manner in which Excelsior Lodge has executed its trust, having constructed a handsome and durable edifice, dedicated to the use of Odd Fellowship.

They submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the manner in which Excelsior Lodge has executed the trust committed to it, believing it to have been a wise and judicious investment, and we fully confirm their title to the ownership and control of said build-

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ing. And we recommend that Excelsior Lodge accommodate Harmony Lodge with such place of meeting, and on such nights as the hall is not in use, on the most reasonable terms that it is possible to arrange, to the end that peace and harmony may prevail among the brethren, and that the uninitiated may realize that there is a reality in the professions of such as claim to be governed by the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Report by Rep. Miller, of New Hampshire.....7848
Adopted.....7881

No. 4. On the Correspondence between the D. D. Grand Sire, Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of Chile, involving the expulsion of the latter from the Order.

The committee report that they cannot at this late period give the subject the attention it deserves, and therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the incoming Grand Sire.

Report by Rep. Driggs, of Connecticut.....7890
Adopted 7890

GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.

No. 1. The committee report that the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Chile, Louisiana, Switzerland, Utah, and Wyoming, and the Grand Encampments of Louisiana and South Carolina, are without accredited Representatives at the present session.

Report by Rep. McKinney, of Texas, chairman..... 7872
Adopted. 7885

JUDICIARY.

No. 1. On the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in adopting a resolution providing for a change in the place of meeting.

The committee report that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provided the time of meeting "at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. Each alternate Annual Communication shall be held in the city of Galveston, which is hereby declared to be the seat of the Order in this State." It was also provided, that no alteration or amendment to the Constitution should be made, unless the proposition to that effect be made in writing and lie over until the next Annual Session; and must be adopted by a majority of three-fourths of the members present, or by two-thirds of the votes when voting by Lodges. At the regular Annual Session, February, 1877, a *resolution* was submitted, and laid over for one year, "that the R. W. Grand Lodge be permanently located in the city of Austin." At the next Annual Session the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee held that the provision for amending the Constitution was substantially complied with. It is true, no reference to the article or section intended to be amended was incorporated in the resolution, but this was not required by the law, as is the case in many similar instruments. The intention of the mover, and of the Grand Lodge itself, is too plain for cavil, and the lack of form does not affect the substance, which is clearly a constitutional change of the place of meeting. Resolutions asserting the legality of the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and approving the amendment, are submitted.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman. 7760
Adopted.. 7832

No. 2. On the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, that all Past High Priests who are now members of the

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G. E. of Rhode Island, or may become members, or be entitled to membership, on or before January 1, 1879, be considered Past Chief Patriarchs.

The committee declare that the object contemplated is at variance with the settled law of the Order. That there is but one method by which a member can become a C. P. and P. C. P.; he must be elected a C. P. and perform the duties of the office, and they submit a resolution, "that no Grand Encampment has the power to declare a Past High Priest a Past Chief Patriarch, unless he has also been duly elected a Chief Patriarch by his Subordinate Encampment and served out his time as such, as provided for by the laws of the Order."

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman.....7761
Adopted 7832

No. 3. On the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California in the following case: Charges were preferred against a member in his Subordinate Lodge, and the brother failed to appear before the Trial Committee, whereupon the committee resolved to report him guilty of contempt to the Lodge, but before being able to do so, the brother suddenly died. The brother had not been summoned to appear and answer a charge of contempt, no such charge having been preferred against him. Under the laws of the Lodge the penalty was expulsion.

The committee held that under the law in Section 321, Digest, the Subordinate Lodge had not "the right to refuse to bury the deceased with funeral honors," and is liable for the payment of such benefits as are provided for in the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania.....7762
Adopted 7832

No. 4. On the following question, submitted by Rep. White, of New York, to wit:

"Is it competent for the Grand Encampment of the State of New York to amend its Constitution and By-Laws so as to elect its Grand Officers by the Representatives present at its Annual Session?"

The committee answer as follows: That they have considered the same, and answer said question in the negative. This answer is based upon the rights of past officers, as already defined in Section 1573, White's Digest.

Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas.....7762
Adopted 7832

No. 5. On a question submitted by Rep. Lucas, of Nevada.

The committee report that under By-Law XXIX. and the construction given to it (Journal, page 5525), the inquiry cannot be entertained and considered by this Grand Lodge.

Report by Rep. Beatty, of California.....7763
Adopted 7832

No. 6. On the query from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, submitted by Rep. Oberly, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to ask the Grand Lodge of the United States whether such a system is in accordance with existing fundamental law."

The committee report that this resolution is explained by the draft of a Grand Lodge Constitution for Illinois, consisting of ten Articles and fifty-eight Sections, which has been printed and submitted to your committee. We are then called upon to examine the draft in question to see if its provisions are in accordance with organic law. Without going into the details of

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each article and section of the proposed Constitution, we are satisfied to rest our opinion upon Article IV., which is clearly at variance with our system as an Order. That Article divides the State into three divisions, the Southern, the Central, and the Northern, as three separate grand divisions. In each grand division the Grand Lodge of the State is authorized to charter a Grand Division Lodge.

These Grand Division Lodges are given jurisdiction within their respective territories to hear and determine appeals; to redress grievances of Lodges and members, and to legislate for the Order, their decisions to be binding unless reversed by the Grand Lodge, or in recess by the Grand Master of the State. The officers of these three singular bodies are respectively styled, Right Worthy Grand Division Master, Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Guardian, and Herald

We find no warrant for such action in Odd Fellowship. No such Charters would be lawful, and no such officers could be recognized. Grand Lodges can only issue Charters to Subordinate Lodges and Degree Lodges, and the officers to be known and recognized in the Order have been carefully selected and designated. No officer can exist as is here contemplated, and the attempt to create such is without authority. We report as follows:

Resolved, That the draft or form of a proposed Constitution submitted to us by the Grand Lodge of Illinois is not such a Grand Lodge Constitution as can be legally adopted in that or any other jurisdiction.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 7812
Adopted 7865

No. 7. On the following question: "Has the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts the right to provide a dinner for its members while at its session and pay for the same from the funds of the Grand Encampment?"

The committee report that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts are silent on the subject. In addition to the want of authority in the laws of the jurisdiction, we think the spirit of Section 106a, White's Digest, clearly prohibits any such expenditure of the funds of said Grand Encampment.

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania 7813
Adopted 7865

No. 8. On a question propounded by the Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, as to the constitutionality of certain resolutions adopted by his Grand Lodge in 1875.

The committee rule that in the first place no certified copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois is before them, and in the second place the query is not properly before the Grand Lodge. Article XXIX. of our By-Laws forbids us to consider "any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment," or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. In view of this provision of law, we must express our surprise that Representatives should bring such informal matters where they do not properly belong.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman....7813
Adopted 7866

No. 9. On the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the

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United States be instructed to obtain the correct intent of the laws passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in relation to Dues and Benefits."

The committee report a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, upon the ground that this law appears to be very plain and is not ambiguous, and inasmuch as the resolution does not refer to any special clause or section which they wish explained.

Report by Rep Hazlett, of Ohio 7814
Adopted 7866

No. 10. On the proposed Articles of Incorporation of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Province of Quebec, asking for the approval and sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The committee report that the particular form, manner, and proceedings necessary to observe by Subordinate Lodges to obtain legal incorporation are purely questions to be settled under the civil law of each separate State and county in which Subordinate Lodges are situated; and the powers, rights, and privileges to be thereby granted, so long as the same do not vary, change, alter, or interfere with the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, are subjects wholly under the control and direction of the State Grand Bodies and Subordinates directly interested.

Report by Rep. Perry, of Ontario 7822
Adopted 7868

No. 11. On the resolution of Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, as to the legal status of this Grand Lodge since its change of name.

The committee report that the change of name does not impair any of the rights of this body, which it has in any manner acquired. Until a new Charter is obtained, contracts can be made by this Grand Lodge under either name, and all legal rights and remedies under such contracts can be secured by the law under the old corporate name. At the same time it would be proper, and certainly more convenient, to have this body incorporated under its present name. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be and are hereby authorized and required to solicit and obtain from the next General Assembly of Maryland a new or amended Charter for this Grand Lodge, by the name it has assumed at the present session of this body.

Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 7869
Adopted 7869

No. 12. On the following resolution, moved by Rep. Sheire, of Minnesota, viz.:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution adopted at this session changing the name of this Grand Body, shall go into effect and be in force on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1879.

The committee report that according to Article XXI. of the Constitution the amendment changing the name of this Grand Lodge having been properly proposed, and a vote being taken upon its adoption, it having been declared adopted by the necessary three-fourths vote, it immediately became the constitutional provision upon the subject, and is now in full force and virtue.

Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania 7890
Adopted 7890

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No. 1. On the preamble and resolution offered by Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire, amending the law found in Section 1530a, Digest.

The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That when State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only by the holder as an Ancient Odd Fellow.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....7763
Adopted.....

No. 2. On the following resolution offered by Rep. Stebbins, of New York:

Resolved, "That the Grand Encampments of the various jurisdictions, within whose territorial limits companies of Uniformed Patriarchs have been or shall be organized, are hereby empowered to organize Subordinate Encampments and issue Charters to them as uniformed, mixed, or ununiformed Encampments, and to prescribe suitable constitutions and laws for their proper government as such."

The committee report, that we can see no necessity for such legislation, and we would deem it inadvisable to provide for the chartering of different grades or styles of Encampments, as thereby uniformity might be destroyed and distinctions created, which might lead to dissension and strife. We therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Dann, of California.....7764
Adopted.....7833

No. 3. Minority report on the same subject, providing for the organization of Subordinate Encampments as Uniformed Encampments.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....7764
Rejected.....7833

No. 4. On the resolution from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, asking for the adoption of a fourth degree in the Encampment branch, for Uniformed Patriarchs, and further asking that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a ritual for such degree.

The committee report that the subject-matter has received our careful consideration, but we find no occasion for the creation of additional degrees in the Order at the present time, nor do we believe that such occasion will arise at any near time in the future. We would therefore report adversely upon the said subject, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report by Rep. Dann, of California.....7765
Adopted.....7833

No. 5. On the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, relative to a change in the law to enable said Grand Encampment "to elect officers for two years, and be permitted to hold biennial sessions."

The committee report that they have given the subject the consideration its importance seems to demand, and are of the opinion that it would be unwise to make such a change. The term of officers for Grand Bodies being now uniformly one year, we see no good reason for making an exception in this case, or of making any change in existing law in regard to term of officers.

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.....7765
Adopted.....7833

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No. 6. On the resolution of Rep. Dann, of California, and submitted at the instance of the R. W. Grand Encampment of California, relative to the practicability of changing and defining the status of members of a Subordinate Encampment who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues in the Subordinate Lodge, beg leave to report the following resolution, and recommend that the same receive the approval of this R. W. Grand Body, and shall become operative on and after January 1, 1879.

Resolved, That a member of an Encampment who shall be dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues by his Lodge, said act of the Lodge shall not affect the standing of said member in his Encampment for the term of one year thereafter, provided the Patriarch shall not rest under any disability during the interim in his Encampment.

Report by Rep. Given, of District of Columbia.....7766
Adopted.....7833

No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, asking for a law "by which members of Subordinate Lodges in good standing over fifty years of age may become non-beneficial members, provided they have been in membership five consecutive years."

The committee report that in their opinion it would not be advantageous to the Order to enact such a law as the resolution proposes. One class of non-beneficial members is now provided for. (See Section 1117 of Digest.)

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.....7766
Adopted.....7834

No. 8. On the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, asking that Section 177 of the Digest, relating to the payment of benefits to insane persons, be stricken out.

The committee report adversely.

Report by Rep. Perkins, of Massachusetts.....7766
Adopted.....7834

No. 9. On the proposition of Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire, suggesting a modification of the Reinstatement Law, as set forth in Section 1687 of the Digest of the G. L. of U. S.

The committee report adversely to the modification asked for, believing there is no necessity for any change in the law.

Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....7767
Rejected.....7834

No. 10. Minority report on the same subject, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at the discretion of the Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in the same jurisdiction before the five years have expired as provided in Section 1687 of Digest.

Report by Rep. Sheppard, of Pennsylvania.....7767
Adopted.....7834

No. 11. On the preamble and resolution from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, asking this Grand Lodge to enact a uniform law for the purpose of more fully protecting the interests of Odd Fellows who have failed in reclaiming their Charter, after surrender thereof.

The committee report that they have had the subject-matter under consideration, and find that by reference to Section

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1672a, Digest, that members who have thus failed to join in the application to reclaim the Charter, as above, may resume their membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe, and conclude that there is no necessity for further legislation upon this subject.

Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....7768
Adopted.....7834

No. 12. On the action of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, embodied in the following:

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their best efforts to have the laws so changed that officers of Subordinate Encampments may be elected for one year, instead of six months."

The committee report, that having fully considered the subject, they are satisfied it is a question that should be left to local legislation of State Grand Bodies. They therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies are permitted, if they shall deem it for the best interest of Subordinates, to make the term of office one year.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....7806
Considered and recommitted.....7860

No. 13. On the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of Ohio, the first clause of which relates to the fixing of a uniform system or manual of tactics and drill for the use of Patriarchs in Subordinate Encampments.

The committee suggest that this matter is already in the hands of a committee raised for that purpose. To the second and third suggestions of this resolution, viz.: to authorize such organizations to elect their own officers and to draft rules and by-laws for their own government, not inconsistent with the laws of the Encampment, and to enable such organizations to impose dues or assessments upon the members for necessary expenses in addition to those due the Encampment, and to enforce the payment thereof, the committee report adversely.

Report by Rep. Douglass, of Maine.....7806
Adopted.....7860

No. 14. On the resolution of Rep. Beatty, of California, relative to the translation of the ritual of the Order into the Italian language.

The committee report that this Grand Lodge, at its session of 1877, page 7508, in a report upon the subject of translating our ritual into other languages, says: "We do not recommend any change in the policy so long pursued, to permit and authorize translations whenever a respectable number of good citizens of any nationality desire to avail themselves of the advantages of our Order." Recognizing this principle, we would offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That there be a translation of the ritual into the Italian language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge: such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at the next session.

Report by Rep. Dann, of California.....7810
Adopted.....7865

No. 15. On the resolutions offered at the last session by Rep. Dann, of California, submitting a plan for the general relief of distressed members, etc., upon which the Grand Lodge failed to take action at the last session.

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The committee report that a majority of them are opposed to the plan suggested. There is no doubt about the equity in the suggestions made, but they are fraught with many serious objections, which they state, and considering the proposed legislation unwise and inexpedient, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky 7816
Considered and postponed until the next day 7866
Considered again in connection with the minority report (No. 21) and referred to a special committee to report at the next session 7881

No. 16. On the preamble and resolutions presented by Rep. Boyd, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, on "the practice of many Lodges, in aiding brethren not entitled to benefits, and the widows of deceased brethren who desire to return to their former homes or to reach friends and relatives, to furnish them with means only sufficient to take them to the next principal point on their journey, where among strangers they are compelled to ask additional aid to reach another principal point on their route, and so on to their destination," and asking the adoption of a uniform law upon the subject.

The committee report that they have investigated the matter presented, and thoroughly considered the subject, and cannot believe that the practice complained of exists in any great degree throughout sectional memberships of the Order. The practice of Lodges, as set forth in the first resolution, is certainly not sufficiently general to justify any legislation concerning it, and we consequently ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky 7817
Considered and postponed until the next day 7866
Adopted 7881

No. 17. On so much of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary as relates to suspension for non-payment of dues, as found on pages 7529 and 7632; also the resolution of Rep. Havenner, proposing that suspension for non-payment of dues shall only deprive the member of benefits.

The committee report that they have devoted as much time as during the pressing business of this communication they have been able to secure for that purpose, and are unable to propose suitable legislation, if such be required, to meet the evil complained of. It is a subject constantly increasing in magnitude and importance, and should be carefully considered; no hasty legislation should be had thereon. Your committee therefore ask further time to consider the same; that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary furnish each of the committee with printed slips containing that part of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the resolutions of Rep. Havenner, and that they have leave to present their report thereon at the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Body.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York 7818
Adopted 7866

No. 18. On the resolution of Rep. Rawlings, asking a modification of the law of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last session, to be found on page 7462 of the Journal of 1877.

The committee report that said resolution be modified by striking out all after the word "weeks," in the second line, to and including the word "but" in the third line, so that it shall read as follows:

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Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment who owes thirteen weeks weekly or funeral dues, is a contributing member until suspended, dropped, or expelled, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly or funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....7818
Considered and recommitted.....7867

No. 19. On the matter presented by Rep. Beatty, of California, asking "an amendment to the funeral service so as to provide appropriate service to be held in the Lodge-room whenever the Lodge shall decide to hold such service."

The committee report that it will be impossible for them to prepare such amendment during this session, and report for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject-matter herein contained be referred to a special committee of three, to prepare such amendment as is asked for, and report the same to the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that this committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....7819
Adopted.....7867

No. 20. On the resolution of Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, asking the consideration and amendment of Section 1117 of the Digest, so that it shall prohibit the election as non-beneficial members, of those expelled for cause.

The committee report, that having carefully considered the same, they are of the opinion that this class of former members should not be eligible to such membership while laboring under such disability, and that in this respect the law should be amended. They therefore submit the following:

Add after the word "age," in the sixth line, the words "and who are not under expulsion for cause." So that it shall read as follows:

1117. *Non-affiliated Odd Fellows.* Non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have been regularly initiated in the Order, and have retained membership therein for at least five consecutive years, and who, at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause, may be admitted to membership in any Lodge or Encampment as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe.

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....7856
Adopted.....7884

No. 21. Minority report on the resolutions offered by Rep. Dann, of California, at the last communication of this R. W. Grand Body upon the subject of inter-jurisdictional relief, together with the report of the Legislative Committee thereon, also the action of the Grand Lodge of California upon certain resolutions emanating from the Grand Lodge of Missouri upon a cognate subject.

The minority of the committee report in favor of the plan proposed by Rep. Dann, at the last session, and submit a resolution that the Legislative Committee be requested and in-

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structed to report a proper law for the carrying out of the system, and report the same at the next communication of this body.
Report by Rep. Dann, of California.....7858
Considered in connection with the majority report (No. 15), and referred to a special committee to report at next session.....7881
No. 22. On the proposition of Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:
"That the following words in the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge, at its session in 1870, and digested as Section 1687a, White's Digest, viz.: 'Provided, such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge,' be and the same are hereby repealed."
The committee report, that in view of the legislation already had at this session, and the more fully to aid in the restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues, they offer for adoption the following resolution:
Resolved, That the following words contained in the first resolution in Section 1687a, White's Digest—"*Provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge*," be and the same are hereby stricken out and repealed.
Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....7859
Amended and adopted 7885
No. 23. On the report of the Legislative Committee (No. 12, recommitted to the committee) on the application of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to have the laws so changed that Subordinate Encampments may elect their officers for one year instead of six months.
The committee report the following resolution:
Resolved, That State Grand Encampments are permitted, if they shall deem it for the best interest of Subordinate Encampments, to make the term of office one year.
Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....7861
Adopted.....7862
No. 24. On the resolution of Rep. Blanks, of Virginia, asking such legislation as will dispense with the installation of such officers as shall be re-elected in Subordinate Lodges,
The committee report that they deem such legislation inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York.....7872
Adopted.....7885
No. 25. On the resolution of Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, as follows: "That the plan for establishing an 'additional funeral benefit,' embraced in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and which its Representatives were instructed to advocate, be referred to the Legislative Committee."
The committee have considered the subject, and find that this Grand Lodge has recommended "the formation of widows' and orphans' endowments by those members of the Order, who may form, in the several jurisdictions, an auxiliary association for such purpose." (Report of Legislative Committee, page 7363, Revised Journal, 1877): and believe the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in establishing an "additional funeral benefit" to be a move in the above-mentioned direction, which is based upon the *voluntary act* of members of the Order in said jurisdiction. In other words said benefit association only applies to those brothers who of their own accord join it, but it is managed through the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction

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and officers of the Subordinate Lodges. Therefore it is of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as above referred to, shall be sustained; provided, however, that no action of said Subordinate Grand Body shall in any way bind its own moneys or the funds of its Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said "funeral benefit association." The only obligation the several Lodges shall be under is to secure from their respective officers the faithful discharge of such duties as the said funeral benefit association may impose upon them.
Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....7888
Adopted.....7888
No. 26. On the resolution of Rep. Oberly, of Illinois, recommending Roberts' Rules of Order for the government of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in all cases where its own rules do not apply.
The committee report that they have examined with great care the above-named work, and unhesitatingly say, that in our opinion it is one of the most comprehensive and easiest of reference of any book of the kind now extant, and is well adapted to all legislative bodies. We ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Leech, of Iowa, chairman.....7889
Adopted.....7889
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.
No. 1. The committee present a tabular statement containing the names, nativity, profession, etc., of the officers and members, and a resolution that the amount allowed in the table be paid.
Report by Rep. Ticknor, of Illinois, chairman..... 7822
Adopted.....7842
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.
No. 1. On the Book of Forms compiled by Bro. M. Posz, of Indiana.
The committee report favorably on the book, but decline to make any recommendation of the same.
Report by Rep. Barrows, of Mississippi, chairman.....7774
Adopted.....7840
No. 2. On that portion of the Grand Sire's report in reference to the form suggested for Annual Proclamation found on page 7534.
The committee approve the same and recommend its adoption.
Report by Rep. Barrows, of Mississippi, chairman.....7815
Adopted.....7866
No. 3. On the petition of Bro. A. J. Langworthy, P. G. M., of Wisconsin, that State Grand Lodges be authorized to assess their respective membership a yearly per capita tax of ten cents or more, for the purpose of building and maintaining an orphan asylum in the State of Mississippi or Louisiana.
The committee report adversely, as unwise to recommend such legislation.
Report by Rep Davis, of Maine.....7819
Adopted.....7867
No. 4. On the petition of M. J. Reilly, formerly a member of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, of New Jersey.
The committee report that the matters of complaint have been previously twice before the Grand Lodge and been fully considered and acted upon, and they find no additional reasons to justify further action on the subject.
Report by Rep. Barrows, of Mississippi, chairman.....7819
Adopted.....7867

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No. 5. On that portion of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports in reference to "the yellow fever epidemic in the South."

The committee report that they cannot find language sufficiently strong to commend the liberal, open-hearted, and noble manner in which the Order has so promptly responded to the call for relief from the afflicted districts, which shows so forcibly in deeds that can never be forgotten the true characteristics of our great brotherhood. The committee propose to amend the legislation on the subject of contributions and the distribution of funds under calls made for such relief, and for that purpose recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That if at any time when calls have been made for relief from any jurisdiction "suffering under any great calamity," the Relief Committee, appointed in accordance with the law of this Grand Lodge, shall have a surplus in their hands after the sickness or other calamity has subsided, and when there shall be widows and orphans left on their hands in a destitute condition, who have been made so by the calamity, for the relief of which the funds were given, they shall be allowed to retain such funds in their hands to be used exclusively for the relief of such widows and orphans only, and for no other purpose whatever.

Report by Rep. Barrows, of Mississippi, chairman.....7858
Rejected.....7884

PETITIONS.

No. 1. On the Warrants issued during the recess for Unity Lodge, No. 8, at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, and Erin Springs Lodge, No. 4, at Erin Springs, Indian Territory.

The committee approve the action of the Grand Sire.

Report by Rep. Elder, of Colorado.....7807
Adopted.....7860

No. 2. On the application of Denmark Lodge, No. 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The committee submit a resolution that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, provided the G. L. of the German Empire express their approval of the same previous thereto.

Report by Rep. Graham, of the Lower Provinces.....7808
Adopted.....7861

No. 3. On the Warrants issued during the recess for the following Lodges in Washington Territory, viz.: Ranier, No. 11, at New Tacoma; Snohomish, No. 12, at Snohomish; Friendship, No. 13, at Port Gamble; Colfax, No. 14, at Colfax.

The committee approve the action of the Grand Sire.

Report by Rep. Elder, of Colorado.....7808
Adopted.....7861

No. 4. On the application for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Washington.

The committee report the requisite number of Lodges, the papers in proper form, and submit a resolution, "that the Grand Sire be instructed to issue a Warrant for the institution of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory."

Report by Rep. Elder, of Colorado.....7808
Adopted.....7861

No. 5. On the return of institution of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, at Amsterdam, Holland.

The committee report the papers correct.

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Report by Rep. Hogan, of Maine 7813
Adopted 7866
No. 6. On the application of Unity Encampment, No. 2, at Seattle, Washington Territory, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.
The committee report favorably, and submit a resolution to that effect, the Grand Encampment of Oregon consenting thereto.
Report by Rep. Welsh, of Arkansas.....7814
Adopted.....7866
No. 7. On the application for a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec, Canada, to be located at Montreal.
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Report by Rep. Gundaker, of Iowa..... 7850
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No. 8. On the petition of Bro. A. B. Grosh.
The committee report that they have not had the time or the means to investigate the merits of the petition. The representations made by Bro. A. B. Grosh in his memorial, in the opinion of the committee entitle him to be heard in the premises. They submit a resolution, "That the petition be referred to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to investigate the facts in the case and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge."
Report by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, chairman.....7878
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No. 1. The committee report the detail of business transacted. The death of Bro. F. D. Stuart, P. G. Sire, created a vacancy, which was filled by the appointment of Rep. Rawlings, of Maryland, by the G. Sire. The committee report the cost, etc., of Revised Journal of 1877; of 250 copies of Vols. 5 and 6 of the bound Journal ordered at the last session; and a detail of all supplies delivered to the Grand Secretary. The new Diploma plate was delivered by W. H. Dougal, the engraver, and impressions therefrom supplied to the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. The contracts for printing were awarded as follows, viz.: Revised Journal of this session to John Medole & Son, New York; Daily Journal to James Young, Baltimore; the paper to Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, Baltimore. The committee also report upon the several subjects referred to them by the Grand Lodge at the last session, viz.: concerning a new Digest (Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358); the translation of the Odes into the French language (Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358); the publication of a second series of Odes with music (Journal, pp. 7334 and 7358); to propose some method to reduce the expense of printing the Journal (pp. 7412, 7414). The committee report the disposition made of these several subjects, and of the means employed to reduce the expense of printing the Journal and the success of it. They also suggest that some money may be saved to the Grand Lodge in the matter of the distribution of documents and postage stamps.
Report by Rep Jones, of Maryland, chairman.....7705
Adopted 7830

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No. 2. On the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and from Loge du Progrès, No. 495, Pennsylvania, requesting to have the charge book in the French language revised and corrected. The committee report as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be and they are hereby authorized to have the charge books in the French language revised so as to conform to the present working standard of the Order, upon the most reasonable terms.

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No. 1. The committee report on the annual returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, designating those found correct and those incorrect, and noting that the Grand Lodge of Chile; Grand Encampment of South Carolina; Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona; North Star Lodge, No. 2, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, London, England; Harmony Encampment, No. 1, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Valparaiso, Chile; Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, England; and Milicete Encampment, No. 11, St. John, New Brunswick, failed to report. They also call attention to the fact that the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland are held on Sunday.

Report by Rep. Williston, of Minnesota, chairman.....7804
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No. 1. On the following questions from Rep. Miller, by instruction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, to wit:

1. Has a fifth degree member, who may be also a member of an Encampment, the right to visit a Subordinate Lodge in the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

2. Is it the duty of such member to wear the regalia of the R. P. Degree?

3. Should the highest title they may have attained in the Order be stated in the Visiting or Withdrawal Card?

The committee report that they have carefully considered the subject, and would answer the first question: Yes. See By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Article XXIV., which reads as follows: "Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken."

To the second question, we reply it is optional for members to do so.

To the third: Yes, in the branch of the Order from which the card is taken, except if the brother be a Grand Representative or a P. G. Representative, then said rank should be expressed on the card, when taken either from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment

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No. 2. On the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire in respect to the translation of passwords, etc., on page 7532.

The committee think that it is a correct exposition of the law on these subjects and recommend its approval.

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No. 3. On the resolutions of Reps. Jones and Lindsley and one by Rep. Stebbins, in reference to Lodges working in the Scarlet Degree.

The committee report they deem it unwise to take any action until the degrees be reduced to three and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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No. 4. On the question presented by Rep. Walton, of Oregon, as follows: "*Question.* When the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribes an initiatory regalia for our officers, is it necessary for an officer to be clothed in such initiatory regalia and also be clothed in the working regalia of his office?"

The committee report that in their opinion it is not necessary to be clothed in the working regalia of their office during initiation.

Report by Rep. Gale, of Vermont.....7759
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No. 5. On that portion of the Grand Sire's report for 1877 concerning the use of unauthorized charts, maps, &c., by Subordinate Lodges.

The committee report that no specific legislation, looking to any supervisory action on the part of this Grand Lodge, is necessary at this time. The use by Lodges of charts, &c., containing figures, emblems, and mottoes not found among the recognized and legitimate symbols of the Order, is so clearly in conflict with our organic law, that your committee are confident that the evil will be remedied by merely calling attention to the fact. Hereafter the use of such charts, &c., will be a wilful breach of the law.

Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina.....7759
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No. 6. On the resolution of Rep. Hockin, in reference to issuing duplicate Charters.

The committee report that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That all duplicate Charters hereafter issued shall have subscribed thereto the names of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the time of issuing the original Charter, and that a certificate signed by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall be attached to the duplicate Charter, setting forth that the same is a duplicate Charter.

2. *Resolved*, That when a duplicate Charter shall be issued as described in the above resolution, it shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as an original Charter.

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No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of Ohio, "That a form of ceremony and obligations be prepared and promulgated for use in the consolidation of Encampments."

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IN MEMORY

OF

NATHAN PORTER,

Who was born in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1817,

WAS initiated into Eagle Lodge, No. 2, of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, in the State of Rhode Island, in 1843; became a Past Grand in 1844; represented the State of Rhode Island in the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1856, and there laid the foundation for the unexampled prosperity of the Order in California, by his successful effort to procure the adoption of the Non-Affiliate law; was for eight consecutive years—from 1870 to 1877, both inclusive—a Representative of the Grand Encampment of California in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and who, while still holding that position, died at the city of Sacramento, on the 6th day of January, 1878, honored by, and reflecting honor upon, all with whom he was associated.

For thirty-five years he labored without rest for the relief of distress and the elevation of human character; never seeking honors, but by the fidelity of his service conferring honor upon every position which he was called upon to fill. Acting always with prudence, zeal, and integrity, and guided everywhere by the light of that truth which reveals love as the grand remedy for all social evils, he carried the teachings of Odd Fellowship into every act of his life, and was everywhere and always, "The noblest work of God, an honest man."

While the widow and the orphan, with broken hearts, stand weeping o'er his grave, and a great State mourns his loss, our fraternity cherishes his memory, resolves to emulate his virtues, and writes FAITHFUL on his tomb.

(See Journal, 7536, 7630, 7738, 7862.)

IN MEMORY

OF

PAST GRAND MASTER, PAST GRAND PATRIARCH,

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,

AND

PAST GRAND SIRE

FREDERICK D. STUART,

OF

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 12,

AND

RIDGELY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5,

I. O. O. F.,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Born in Poughkeepsie, New York, July 12, 1814.

(Initiated in Friendship Lodge, No. 12, Washington City, October 22, 1844.)

Died at his Residence in Washington City, January 25, 1878.

Served in the Order, 34 years; and in the Grand Lodge of the United States, 27 years.

"AN ODD FELLOW IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."

"All hearts grew warmer in the presence
Of one who, seeking not his own,
Gave freely for the love of giving,
Nor reaped for self the harvest sown."

(See Journal, 7537, 7630, 7741, 7878.)



"Farewell! we yield them to the tomb,
With many a bitter tear,
Though 'twas not meet that souls like theirs
Should longer tarry here.
Fond, clustering hopes have sunk with them,
That earth can ne'er restore;
Love casts a garland on their graves,
That may not blossom more.
But they are where each dream of hope
Shall in fruition fade,
And love, immortal and refined,
Glow on without a shade."

DIED.

SAMUEL QUAILE, Past Grand Representative of Florida, at his residence, Tallahassee.

"Kind, indulgent, and loving, as brother, husband, and father, upright and zealous to promote the growth of our beloved Order; possessing a generous soul and a sympathetic heart, few brothers have passed onward and upward to a higher life whose loss their friends more keenly felt, or more deeply deplored, than that of our worthy brother."—*Journal*, 7744.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM L. G. SMITH, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence, Buffalo, on the 31st day of January, 1878, aged 64 years.

"Like the coral of the sea, he builded in the profoundest depths. Enterprising and public spirited, he took an active part in the affairs of the city and country, and was called to some of its most responsible offices, the duties of which he discharged with marked ability and fidelity. Bright and glorious, like the undimmed sun, not a cloud floats in the firmament of his greatness, to cast its shadow over the broad landscape of his earth-toil."—*Journal*, 7745.

ST. JOHN GOODRICH, Past Grand Representative of Nebraska, at his residence, Omaha, on the 16th day of January, 1878, aged 68 years.

"He was a man of rare ability; genial tempered and warm hearted, his hand was always open to a brother in need. In the obligation he had taken as an Odd Fellow he never faltered."—*Journal*, 7747.

JONATHAN LIVERMORE, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, at his residence, Boston, on the 13th day of April, 1878, aged 61 years.

"That he was honored and esteemed by his brethren is clearly shown by the many leading positions of trust bestowed upon him. By his death we have lost a true and faithful Odd Fellow, a useful citizen, and an honest man."—*Journal*, 7748.

JOSEPH STEPHENS JONES, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, at his residence, Boston, on the 29th day of December, 1877, aged 68 years.

"He was cordial and warm hearted to an extreme, and conveyed by the light of his eye and clasp of his hand assurance of friendly regard which the many who enjoyed his acquaintance will not readily forget. In all the relations of life he had borne himself as 'a man among men,' fairly earning and receiving the generous plaudits of his fellows."—*Journal*, 7748.

JOHN H. PHILLIPS, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence, Beverly, on the 1st day of March, 1878, aged 64 years.

"The true Odd Fellow, kind father, and friend has passed away; let us, therefore, drop a tear to his memory."—*Journal*, 7749.

IN MEMORIAM.

SAMUEL WARD BOND, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence, Newark, on the 1st day of August, 1878, aged 69 years.

"Though modest and retiring in his manner, he received the life-long respect and love of all who knew him."—*Journal*, 7749.

PETER FRITZ, Past Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, at his residence, Philadelphia, on the 8th day of August, 1878, aged 77 years.

"He was known among Odd Fellows as honest, industrious, bold, and enterprising, ever ready to assist his fellows, and earnest in his devotion to the principles of our brotherhood. He was imbued with patriotic spirit, and throughout a long and useful life he sought ever to promote the public weal."—*Journal*, 7750.

WILLIAM STEDMAN, Past Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, at his residence, Philadelphia, on the 4th day of January, 1878, aged 70 years.

"In all the positions of life he was called upon to fill, he clothed the character with noble grandeur, and gave to it a majesty that rendered him worthy of eulogy; and his life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, '*This was a man!*'"—*Journal*, 7752.

ALLEN HAINES, Past Grand Representative of Maine, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 15th day of January, 1878, aged 71 years.

"He was faithful, not only in official position, but in the more retired work of his Subordinate Lodge, and he had the proud satisfaction of seeing the Order he loved so much, and had worked for so earnestly, established upon a strong and immovable foundation."—*Journal*, 7752.

SAMUEL LYNES, Past Grand Representative of Connecticut, at his residence, Norwalk, on the 29th day of July, 1878.

"His was a pure life, exemplifying the precepts of our Order, and worthy of imitation by all Odd Fellows. Attesting his many virtues, his funeral was largely attended, all desirous to pay him the last honors the living can perform for the dead."—*Journal*, 7752.

HENRY HOLMES, Past Grand Representative of Missouri, at his residence, Carthage, on the 4th day of July, 1878, aged 66 years.

"After a long life of usefulness and devotion to Odd Fellowship, though dead, yet he speaketh, in his example, in his incorruptible integrity, and his good works for humanity. His memory to us is precious, and his virtues remain a legacy to his surviving co-laborers in the cause to which he gave the strength and power of his manhood."—*Journal*, 7753.

IN MEMORIAM.

ROYAL G. MILLARD, Past Grand Representative of New York, at Green's Farms, Connecticut, on the 15th day of November, 1877, aged 60 years.

"The Order to which he was attached and his church were his sole companions. As a friend and adviser he was always reliable; as a citizen he commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. An earnest and devoted Christian, he was always in attendance on all duties appertaining to the church of which he was a member."—*Journal*, 7754.

JOSEPH D. TRAPP, Past Grand Representative of Kentucky, at his residence, Lexington, on the 22d day of November, 1877, aged 39 years.

"He served in many official positions in the Order, and discharged the duties with great credit to himself, and honor to the institution. As a citizen he was enterprising and useful. At an early age death claimed him and we lost our brother. We honor his memory, and hope that his spirit is in the realization of the fullest glory."—*Journal*, 7755.

JOHN D. DANBURY, Past Grand Representative of Tennessee, on the 31st day of March, 1877.

"As an Odd Fellow he was earnest, devoted, true. Benevolence and charity to his fellow-man, were truly his characteristics. Appreciated by the brotherhood in Tennessee, he was elected successively Grand Patriarch and Grand Master, and to the day of his death was an active and efficient member of the Order."—*Journal*, 7755.

THOMAS SHACKELFORD, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 19th day of December, 1877, aged 64 years.

"He was unswervingly true to his principles and to the instincts of his generous and manly nature. In his friendship he was faithful, in his susceptibilities tender and emotional; in disposition and temperament, genial in a very high degree. He loved the beautiful in all its forms. Upon that brow, now cold in death, honors thick had clustered, and as he went forth from our ranks, many eyes were dim with tears and many hearts were full of sighs."—*Journal*, 7893.

IN MEMORIAM.

N. G. Bryson, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, at his residence, Vicksburg, on the 4th day of February, 1878, aged 64 years.

"His life was a grand illustration of the vital principles of Odd Fellowship in the every-day walks of life. Faithfulness, integrity, and honor were his watch-words, and these grand principles were the sublime characteristics of his life, not only in his official character, but in all his intercourse with his fellow-men. He was honored with positions of high trust and confidence in the community in which he lived, and in every instance he reflected honor upon the positions he occupied. His death was a local calamity—a subject of sorrow and regret."—*Journal*, 7894,

John L. Milton, Past Grand Representative of Mississippi, at his residence, Grenada, on the 14th day of August, 1878, aged 55 years.

"He was one of the first victims of that dreadful scourge, the yellow fever, in the city of Grenada, having, as the chief municipal officer of the city, remained firm at his post, arousing all his energies to meet the necessities of the dread occasion, until he was stricken down by the fell destroyer. He was faithful in all the relations of life; as a friend, brother, parent, husband, the same integrity of character and goodness of heart were manifested, and gained for him the love and confidence of all."—*Journal*, 7894.

Albert Case, Past Deputy Grand Sire and Past Grand Representative of South Carolina, aged 69 years.—*Journal*, 7630.

Wiley Williams, Past Grand Representative of Georgia, April, 1878.—*Journal*, 7630.

Rudolph Aschmann, Past Grand Representative of Switzerland, at Richtersweil (Lake of Zurich), on the 18th day of March, 1878, aged 41 years.

"He occupied for eleven years the position of Secretary of the Legation of the United States at Berne, and was highly esteemed by everybody for his pure character and generous sympathies."—*Journal*, 7618.

Charles Perkins, Past Grand Representative of Illinois, on the 26th day of August, 1877, aged 67 years.—*Journal*, 7630.

Stevens S. Jones, Past Grand Representative of Illinois, on the 15th day of March, 1877.—*Journal*, 7630.

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